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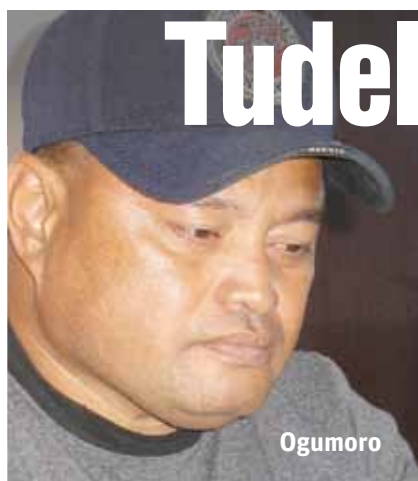


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## Tudela teminates Ogomoro, again

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Department of Public Safety Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela has terminated again controversial DPS deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogomoro over his alleged retaliation against some employees and having an expired employment status.

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos concurred with Tudela's decision. He was also the acting governor when Tudela first terminated Ogomoro on May 19, 2010. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is currently in the U.S. mainland.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to get a comment from Ogomoro yesterday.

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## Senate passes House revenue-generating bill

» But adds waiver of 30% casino jackpot tax

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REPORTER

After killing a controversial House bill to legalize marijuana for all uses in the CNMI, the Senate passed on Friday a substitute version of a House revenue-generating bill taxing laptops and other computers worth less than \$5,000.

The Senate added a provision to House Bill 17-73, to exempt tourists from the 30-percent gaming machine jackpot tax for winnings in licensed casinos to help entice them to visit and gamble in the CNMI.

If all five conditions under the substitute bill are met, the exempted tourists will be required to pay only 7 percent of such jackpot, plus the 30-percent U.S. Internal Revenue Service income tax.

Right now, tourists with jackpot win-  
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### AT THE HEALTH FAIR

Ten-year-old Nelson T. Ramon Jr., left, and 7-year-old Susan Renee L. Sablan, right, marvel at the student art work on display at the Glimpses of Saipan's first Saipan Health and Wellness Fair at the Civic Center in Susupe on Saturday.

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## EPA rejects CUC reorganization plan

» As Inos extends CUC emergency declaration anew

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rejected the Commonwealth

Utilities Corp.'s reorganization plan, acting governor Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said as he extended anew the emergency declaration for CUC on Friday.

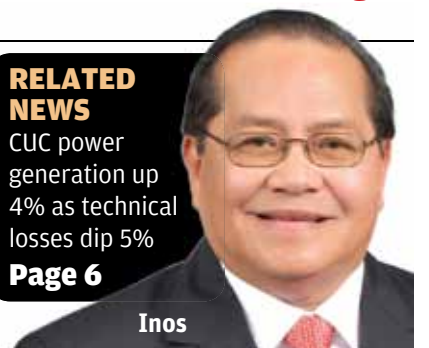
Inos, when asked for comment yes-

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## Miura, Guinto, Guiao are SSHS top awardees

Saipan Southern High School has named Dora Borja Miura recipient of the teacher of the year honor, Eduardo Guinto its teacher aide of the year, and Hilario Guiao as its support staff of the year.

The three awardees will vie for the overall title during the Public School System's celebration of Education Month.

Miura has been working for PSS for the past 10 years. She received her bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, her master's degree from the University of Hawaii, and is currently working on her doctoral degree. She currently teaches Geometry and her students describe her class as challenging, meticulous, and fun.

According to one of her current students, "she brings the best out of us with her teaching style." She is also described as very approachable and structured in her instructional delivery. Miura loves teaching Math and it shows with the countless hours of dedication she puts into her lesson planning and Math Court competitions for the school district. Since her arrival in 2007, the the Manta Ray's Math SAT 10 scores has seen significant improvement every year and a vast improvement in collaboration among her colleagues.

Guinto, the recipient of the teacher aide of the year award, joined the Manta Ray family in 2008 as a teacher aide in the special education department. He is described as an outgoing, hardworking, creative, and disciplined person who enjoys coming

to work and helping students with special needs. His rapport with his students and the progress he has made with them cannot be expressed in words. He is also well liked and is always ready to lend a helping hand even if it is not part of his job description.

Guiao was named the school's support staff of the year. He is better known as a jack of all trades. His many talents and dedication to the job helps SSHS maintain a safe and orderly environment for students, teachers, and community members. Guiao is described as humble

and likes what he does. When asked what is the best thing about his line of work, he simply answers "helping teachers with whatever they need for the classrooms and keeping SSHS beautiful." (Moneth G. Deposa)



Miura



Guinto



Guiao

## Man in importation of pesticides enters guilty plea

A man who was indicted in federal court on two counts of alleged importation of undeclared pesticides from China has entered a guilty plea.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark W. Bennett accepted Bo Bu Li's guilty plea and set the sentencing for Feb. 22, 2011.

Bennett ordered the U.S. Probation Office to submit a presentence investigation report by Jan. 18, 2011.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk

Schuler filed the plea agreement and requested the court that it be filed under seal.

Li and his counsel agreed to file the plea agreement under seal.

The judge agreed to seal the plea agreement.

According to court documents, on Feb. 17, 2009, Li distributed an unregistered pesticide by shipping several pounds of Lannate.

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# NMC left with only one candidate for president

## » Boze named new president of College of Bahamas

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One of the two top candidates for the presidency of Northern Marianas College has been named as the new chief executive officer of the College of the Bahamas.

According to the college's website, Dr. Betsy Boze has been selected to replace Janyne Hodder at the helm of the College of Bahamas.

Hodder resigned from the post last January. Boze's appointment as new president will take effect Jan. 1, 2011.

The website stated that the appointment of Boze still depends if she will accept the position or not. However, unconfirmed reports state that Boze already withdrew her application at NMC.

Boze is among the Top 2 candidates for NMC president along with NMC Business Department instructor Rik Villegas.

gas. The two are scheduled to undergo final interview by the Board of Regents early next month in time for the selection before end of the year.

*Saipan Tribune* tried to get the Board of Regents' reaction on the issue, but it has yet to issue a statement as of press time. It's been about eight months since the college has no permanent president following the April 12, 2010 termination of Carmen Fernandez.

According to the College of the Bahamas website, Boze visited the college last month, along with two other candidates. The college stated earlier

that it was searching for presidential candidates who were proven leaders and skilled managers with an inclusive style of leadership.

The College of the Bahamas also said the candidate chosen should have unimpeachable integrity with the capacity to inspire confidence and trust nationally and abroad. The college further stated that these characteristics were essential for the next president, especially as the college is poised for another defining transition to university status.

Boze is a professor of marketing at Kent State University and senior fellow at the American

Association of State Colleges and Universities. She attended Southfield School in Shreveport, Louisiana and graduated from C. E. Byrd High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Masters in Business Administration degrees from SMU in Dallas, Texas and studied international management at Monterrey Insti-

tute of Technology in Monterrey, Mexico, and Japanese at International Christian University in Mitaka, Japan. She earned her Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas majoring in marketing, with minors in economics and sociology.

Villegas, meantime, obtained his BS degree from Utah State University; MS degree from Abilene Christian University in Texas; and M.Ed. from Utah

State University. His specialty is on management, introduction to business, and marketing and selling.

The Board of Regents suspended Carmen Fernandez from the presidency last Jan. 12 due to twin investigations against her involving the changing of students' grades. She was fired last April 12 as a result of the probe. She later sued NMC and four of its regents. The lawsuit is pending in court.



Boze

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## Tour agency, owner file defamation suit over fight on customers on Tinian

A tour agency and its owner have filed a defamation lawsuit against a company that rents scooters on Tinian and the company's employee who allegedly made false statements against the tour agency's business.

Good Tour and its owner, Jang Moon Soo, sued Keo Song Marine World and Zhing Ying Zi for defamation, disparagement, and violation of Consumer Protection Act.

Good Tour and Soo, through counsel Janet H. King, asked the Superior Court to order the defendants pay them damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

*Saipan Tribune* tried yesterday to get the side of the defendants, but their phone numbers are not listed in the phone book.

King alleged that the defendants also operate an underground business involving car rentals of unregistered vehicles, to supplement their income.

King stated in the complaint that, on Oct. 22, 2010 on Tinian, Dong Jie Song, an employee of Good Tour, met with six customers who were signed up for or about to sign up with Good Tour.

The lawyer said as Song and the six customers met at the lobby of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, defendant

Zhing approached them and made false statements about Good Tour's business and services.

King said the customers were shocked and in fear for their lives canceled their business with Good Tour and Song.

King said that, on Oct. 25, 2010 on Tinian, again Song signed up or was about to sign up six customers to Good Tour and Zhing again made false and misleading statements to about the company's business and services.

As a result, King said, the six customers canceled their tour on Oct. 22, 2010 and Oct. 25, 2010 with Good Tour.

## OGUMORO

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Tudela's letter to Ogomoro issued on Thursday, as well as the commissioner's memorandum on Friday notifying all DPS personnel about Ogomoro's termination.

Sources disclosed that Tudela asked Sgt. Vicente Tagabuel to serve the letter to Ogomoro on Thursday, but Tagabuel could not find the deputy commissioner.

Sources said Tagabuel subsequently handed Tudela's letter on Friday morning at the residence of Ogomoro's mother.

Tudela cited two events that prompted him to take action against Ogomoro.

First, the commissioner noted, many concerns have been raised about the deputy commissioner's conduct which resulted in an investigation by the Office of the Attorney General.

"The investigation substantiated that you violated the regulations of the department in the form of retaliation," Tudela said in the letter.

The commissioner said the morale in the department is dismal and their mission to keep the public safe and uphold the laws is being compromised by Ogomoro's actions.

Second, Tudela said, recent inquiries about Ogomoro's employment status from the Payroll Division of the Department of Finance resulted in the Office of Personnel Management's verification of his legal status within DPS.

Tudela said the result of the certification is that Ogomoro is not currently employed by DPS.

Ogomoro's employment contract as the range master expired on Sept. 30, 2010 which has not been renewed to date, according to the commissioner.

"Your appointment as the Deputy Commissioner was never completed with a valid personnel action. While I can choose to rectify your employment status, it would be a disservice to the department to do so," Tudela told Ogomoro.

Tudela acknowledged that Ogomoro has provided services to DPS since the expiration of the contract so therefore he will be compensated from the period beginning Oct. 1, 2010 through Friday, Nov. 18, 2010.

The commissioner asked Ogomoro to immediately surrender all DPS property, including documents, equipment, vehicle, and keys.

In his memorandum addressed to all DPS employees, Tudela said Ogomoro is no longer employed with the department effective that day.

"All matters pertaining to the Department must be directed to the Commissioner's Office," Tudela told the DPS personnel.

Sources disclosed that Inos was supposed to terminate Ogomoro for a cause, but the acting governor got a letter from the Office of Personnel Management.

Sources said OPM director Isidro Seman stated in the letter that Ogomoro is out of status as of Sept. 30, 2010 and therefore no longer an employee of the government.

There was neither any personnel action designating him as DPS deputy commissioner, sources said.

"There was only document for him to be a range master, but the range master position expired on Sept. 30, 2010," one source said.

The source said Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham also wrote a memorandum to Inos, saying Ogomoro lately has no status.

If Ogomoro was still a legal employ-

ee, then Inos would have terminated him for cause, the same source added.

With respect to the investigation, sources said the AG found enough evidence that substantiated some of the grievances from DPS personnel that he was retaliating against DPS employees who are not "supporting him."

If the employees are not with him, then Ogomoro would transfer them to positions that are "undesirable," the source said.

The other issue is that Ogomoro's alleged favoritism in hiring his common-law wife's children.

There are some civil service positions that other people competed for and there is the eligibility listing who are the Top 5 candidates.

"Ogomoro refused to hire them and instead he hired his stepchildren," the source said.

The source said if the governor hires Ogomoro again, every time Fitial leaves the Commonwealth, Inos would likely fire him again.

"I don't know why the governor is tolerating it. But the lieutenant governor is not going to tolerate it," the source said.

Tudela terminated Ogomoro on May 19, 2010, just soon after Ogomoro slammed the Drug Enforcement Administration and DEA Guam-CNMI resident agent-in-charge Antonio Marquez in a press conference for alleged credit-grabbing. Tudela at that time clarified, though, that he was not terminating Ogomoro for the stunt.

On July 7, 2010, Fitial reinstated Ogomoro to the position.

When Ogomoro reported to DPS that day, Inos' daughter, Kay Inos, resigned as officer-in-charge of the DPS Fiscal Affairs Section.

The complaint did mention the Zhing's specific alleged statements to the customers.

On Nov. 4, 2010 on Tinian, a Chinese customer who had rented a scooter from plaintiff Soo returned the scooter.

King said the customer confronted Soo about information he received from Zhing about Good Tour's business and services.

The lawyer said Zhing's false and misleading statements to this cus-

tomers about Good Tour resulted in the customer's cancellation of his scooter rental.

King said Zhing continues to make false and misleading statements to potential and actual Good Tour customers, despite an attempt to warn her to stop.

"Defendant's actions have resulted in and continue to result in Good Tour's actual and potential loss of business from slurs against its business services," King said.

## SENATE

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nings are subjected to a total of 60 percent tax—30 percent to the U.S. IRS for income tax, and 30 percent to the CNMI government for the jackpot tax.

"Sixty percent tax on jackpot winnings is extremely high and most tourists would be discouraged from continuing to play games at casinos or return to such casinos," the senators said in their substitute bill.

Under the bill, local residents will still be subject to the 30-percent CNMI jackpot tax. They are not, however, subject to the IRS income tax.

HB 17-73, Senate Substitute 1 passed the Senate on an 8-0 vote during its session on Rota on Friday afternoon.

Only Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian) was absent.

The Senate substitute to House floor leader George Camacho's (Ind-Saipan) bill removes the 30-percent gaming machine jackpot tax for winnings earned in a licensed casino by tourists.

Only Tinian and Rota have operating casinos as approved by these islands' voters. Saipan voters, however, twice rejected a proposal to legalize casinos on the island.

HB 17-73, SS1 now goes back to the House for either approval or rejection of the Senate substitute.

If the substitute bill becomes law, it will only result in a total of 37-percent tax for tourists' jackpot winnings:

The original bill that passed the House on Tuesday last week lifts the excise tax exemptions for laptop and desktop computers worth less than \$5,000.

The author of the bill said since most laptops today are less than \$1,000, the CNMI has been losing out on taxes from these items.

Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota) said yesterday that the Senate held off action on a similar revenue-generating bill, HB 17-72, which seeks

to tax new commodities that came out in the market prior to the enactment of the current tax laws. These include vitamin water or power drinks.

"The members felt they need more time to review this bill," he said.

### Other bills passed

As reported earlier, the Senate rejected Rep. Stanley Torres' (Ind-Saipan) HB 17-47, which seeks to legalize marijuana in the CNMI for medical and recreational use. Torres said he plans to introduce separate medical marijuana legislation which he hopes will have a better chance of being passed.

The Senate also deferred action on HB 17-52, HD2, SS1 or the Expunge-ment Act of 2010.

The senators, meanwhile, passed bills other than HB 17-73, including the following:

■ Senate Bill 17-45. This bill seeks to require taxes on gross revenue to be paid on a monthly basis instead of the current requirement of a quarterly payment. The bill now goes to the House for action;

■ HB 17-114, SS1. This bill restores the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s procurement authority to give CUC the flexibility needed to partner with the partner sector. The governor vetoed a similar House bill because of the same Senate substitute to it;

■ HB 17-107 or the Rota Public Library Amendment Act of 2010. This bill maintains the name of the facility, the Antonio Camacho Atalig Memorial Library, in honor of the late mayor, regardless of its location. The bill now goes to the governor.

■ HB 17-61, which eliminates fees for the maintenance of small parcels of public land. The bill also now goes to the governor.

Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), author of both HB 17-61 and HB 17-107, said yesterday she's thankful for the Senate's passage of her bills, and hopes that the governor will sign them into law.

## EPA

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failing to submit such plan to bring CUC's wastewater plants, collection systems, and public drinking water systems into compliance.

The CUC reorganization plan is one of the requirements in the stipulated orders representing the agreement between the CNMI and EPA for CUC to comply with the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

"The EPA required the hiring of a new executive director by Oct. 29, 2010; this was accomplished. But EPA disapproved of a CUC reorganization plan by its letter of Nov. 5, 2010," Inos said.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial appointed Abe Malae as the new CUC executive director on Oct. 29, the deadline set by EPA. Malae was the assistant executive director for operation prior to his new appointment.

CUC has been under a state of emergency since August 2008, suspending its procurement, among other things, to address its emergency needs in the areas of power, water, and wastewater.

This is expected to be lifted once all requirements of the stipulated orders are satisfied.

The federal government has given the CNMI until November 2011 to address all concerns raised in the two stipulated orders.

"Importantly, CUC requires a functioning management, including a properly empowered executive director, to forestall additional EPA punitive action," Inos said in his executive order on Friday.

CUC is also required to submit a final version of a professionally developed interim financial plan by Nov. 30.

### Power theft

The acting governor also said that CUC has seen a decrease in power line losses, and that the police and the Office

of the Attorney General are pursuing prosecution of power theft.

CUC's power utility consultant found that the line losses were 15 percent in 2009.

But for calendar year 2010 through October, the losses dropped to 10 percent.

"One reason is that CUC's staff technical experts determined the proper charges for many commercial customers, correcting meter multipliers. Secondly, Operation Sweep began in earnest in February 2010," Inos said.

Operation Sweep audited the Watt-hour meters and service connections to the densely populated and commercial areas of Saipan.

Of the 1,000 services inspected, 100 were found to have tampered meters or bypasses. Inos said CUC corrected all of these immediately.

The corporation said the loss of CUC's technical experts would shut down, or, at least, cripple the company's increasingly successful efforts to

cut losses, particularly theft of service.

### Used oil, waterline break

EPA strongly urged CUC to accelerate the removal of waste oil from Tank 104. CUC contracted Gresco for this.

But Inos said with success came additional technical difficulties, as the remaining 70,000 gallons of oil became more concentrated and grease-like and therefore increasingly difficult to pump out.

"However, after CUC engineers tested methods of incineration, with EPA help, the incineration resumed at a faster pace, and CUC believes that it will clean the tank out by February 2011," the acting governor said.

CUC also reported that a 16-inch PVC waterline ruptured on As Terlaje on Oct. 23, resulting in the loss of the Kannat Tabla tank water volume contents. It also resulted in a significant damage to the As Terlaje Hill roadway.

Inos said the water rupture cost CUC

some \$100,000, of which asphalt repair alone was over \$87,000.

"The specific cause of the waterline rupture has not been determined, but CUC believes it was likely a result of improper installation and fatigues infrastructure," he added.

Besides the EPA rejection of CUC's reorganization plan, the other highlights of the latest CUC emergency declaration extension included updates on hiring, repairs on power plant engines, water metering, most recent water line breaks, a planned \$15-million long-term financing, and a petition with the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission for an electric side rate increase.

CUC interviewed five more foreign trade technicians this month to replace technicians who had resigned or were terminated.

It also hired seven trade assistants, all U.S. citizens, who were converted from contract to career service employee trade technicians.



# Former judge sues golf course owner over use of right of way issue

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Former Superior Court associate judge Juan T. Lizama has sued a golf course owner over their dispute on the use of right of way through two pieces of land in Chalan Kiya.

Lizama, through counsel Michael W. Dotts, sued Silk Road Corp. for breach of contract and unjust enrichment.

Lizama asked the Superior Court to order the defendant pay him compensatory damages, attorney's fees, and court costs. He demanded a jury trial of the case.

Saipan Tribune contacted yesterday Silk Road Corp. for comment, but no one answered its phone.

Dotts stated in the complaint that Lizama owns a real property in Chalan Kiya that is located near a nine-hole golf course owned and operated by Silk Road Corp.

Dotts said Lizama and Silk Road Corp. shared an easement to access their respective properties from Middle Road, the main public highway.

Lot 1798 NEW-R/W was a private right of way in Chalan Kiya. Silk Road Corp. acquired title to the private right of way through a leasehold assignment, according to the lawyer.

He said Lot 1794-R/W is public land and was designated and recorded as a public right of way.

Dotts said that, on Oct. 20, 1989, Silk Road Corp. obtained a lease to the public right of way.

The lease provided that defendant had exclusive use of the public right of way for the term of the lease.

This lease, Dotts said, effectively converted the public right of way into defendant's own private property.

Sometime in 1991, Lizama discovered that the public right of way was under lease to the defendant.

Lizama had used the public

right of way to access his property.

When he discovered that the public right of way was no longer public, Lizama entered into negotiations with defendant for the continued use of the public right of way.

In July 1994, the parties reached an agreement to give Lizama access to his land. It was agreed that the two lots would be combined and developed as a single roadway (private easement).

Dotts said the parties further agreed that Lizama would pay all costs of developing and constructing a roadway across the private easement, and would contribute part of all of Lizama's another land (Lot 1795-1/RW) to be used to construct swells and culverts for the road.

He said the parties further agreed that the roadway would be constructed so that it would be on defendant's own leased property except to the extent culverts and swells were necessary to construct on Lizama's Lot 1795-1 R/W, to ensure no interference from others.

In particular, the golf course operator sought to exclude a neighboring family from interfering with defendant's access, by entering into the agreement with Lizama.

The parties agreed that Lizama would maintain the private easement, and that he would be responsible for ensuring that defendant's use of the private easement was unmolested.

Dotts said the parties agreed that the private easement would

remain private, for just the use of defendant and Lizama and their invitees.

In reliance of the agreement, the lawyer said, Lizama built a road, spending approximately \$332,000 in construction costs.

Lizama did not develop his Lot 1795-1/R/W but instead used part of this property for swells and culverts for the private easement.

The roadway that Lizama built across the private easement provided access from the main highway to defendant's nine hole golf course clubhouse and to his property.

The road that Lizama built on the private easement included swells and culverts to prevent damage to Middle Road and to protect the private easement.

Then in November 2005, Dotts

said, without notice to or consent of Lizama, the defendant entered into an agreement with the Commonwealth government that provided that the public right of way would revert back to the government, allowing it to be used once again as public roadway.

"As a result of the agreement that defendant entered into with the Commonwealth, the private easement became public and plaintiff lost the semi-exclusive easement he had paid for and built," Dotts said.

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## CUC power generation up 4% as technical losses dip 5%

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. posted a 4 percent increase in sales in the past two calendar years after its power generation went up from 81.3 percent in 2009 to 85.1 percent in 2010.

"There has been a modest increase in Saipan production for calendar year 2009 and calendar year 2010 ending October," said CUC executive director Abe Utu Malae.

Malae, however, did not disclose the sales figures.

He said sales as percent of electricity generated on Saipan increased from 81.3 percent in 2009 to 85.1 percent in 2010, ending in October.

He said the sales also include power sold to public street lighting and CUC divisions of water and wastewater.

Besides the modest increase and improvements on the sales, the executive director also noted a significant decrease in line

losses—both technical and non-technical.

"Line closes—both technical and non-technical—fell from 14.9 percent to 10 percent," he said.

"What this means is that about 4.9 percent of losses were eliminated in the first 10 months of 2010," he said, adding that non-technical losses include errors in meter multipliers, clerical errors, and theft. He said the reduction is directly attributable to the work of the

electrical meter technicians of the power division.

Malae, meanwhile, said electricity generated on the island last fiscal year also improved.

"Total electricity generated on Saipan increased 4.9 percent from 270,049 megawatt-hour to 283,307 megawatt-hour," he explained.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that peak load increased by 9.8 percent from 41 MW in fiscal year 2009 to 45 MW in fiscal year 2010.

In 2007, total peak load recorded was 51 MW and 43 MW in 2008.

Saipan's power supply recorded significant progress after months of rehabilitation and maintenance on CUC's power plants.

Saipan has three functional power plants located at the Lower Base. These power plants have a total of 21 engines, with a few units still not functioning.

Although some areas and location are still encountering power outages, CUC earlier

claimed that these power interruptions are attributed to troubles outside the power plants.

Other power outages, meantime, are results of CUC's maintenance work to improve its service.

Besides the fairly stable power generation, CUC earlier said the efforts of the central government and autonomous agencies to pay their bills were also a factor in the utility's improving books.

CUC has been in the state of emergency since 2008 due to its poor services.

## NMC-CREES demonstrates aquaculture sustainability through field, media day

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REPORTER

A few aquaculture producers on Saipan attended the Field & Media Day conducted by the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Services last Nov. 18 to promote sustainable practices in aquaculture.

"Our goal is to promote sustain-

able aquaculture activities among local aquaculture farmers," aquaculture extension agent Michael Ogo told *Saipan Tribune*.

Ogo said the event featured a project overview of the Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education under the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the NMC As Terlaje campus.

WSARE aims to promote agriculture sustainability through

various grants that facilitate advanced research and education across the western region which includes 13 states and four Pacific Island territories.

Following the project overview is a tour of two tilapia hatchery farms on island that benefited from competitive grants under the WSARE program.

The first farm was the aquaculture farm of Ines Guerrero

in Fina Sisu. Guerrero received a \$15,000 grant for her project called Sustaining Tilapia Production in the CNMI through the use of an Artificial Fry Incubation System.

The second was the aquaculture farm of Pete Arriola in Dandan. Through WSARE, Arriola received \$10,469 for his project called the "Demonstration of the Feasibility Study of Solar Energy in Sustainable Agriculture to Address the High Cost in Conventionally Produced Electricity."

Jack Phan, who is involved with his family's retail and wholesale business, said he attended the event because he was interested to find out if he could start his own small-scale tilapia production and generate income from it.

Through the activity, Phan said he learned about the different issues affecting aquaculture

farmers such as the high cost of utilities, feeds, and the problem of water on island.

Glen Buultjens, who has been cultivating tilapia since March, said he has been raising fish and other animals as a hobby.

Buultjens said through the field and media day, he learned about many things, including identifying a male from a female tilapia, breeding, and bio-filtering.

Carol Hosono said she learned more about NMC-CREES and its programs while working for the Community Development Institute.

According to Hosono, she and her husband John decided to venture in shrimp production last October "to do something to sustain us."

The Hosonos recently received a \$14,482 grant from WSARE to fund their project called "Maximizing Aquaculture Productivity with Sequen-

tial Polyculture Systems."

Hosono said they attended the activity to expand their knowledge about aquaculture and learn from other aquaculture farmers about what they do in their production.

Ogo said the bottomline of the activity is to have sustainability in all aquaculture activities as well as maintain the local farmers' momentum in aquaculture production in the CNMI.

"Sustainable aquaculture in the CNMI will enable farmers and producers to harvest food not only for themselves but also for others to supplement their income and make it a form of livelihood. It addresses the issue on food security in the commonwealth," he said.

Claus Bier, program coordinator for NMC-CREES, said their next goal is to get funding to help address the high cost of feeds for the aquaculture farmers and producers on island.

### INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB11-GOV-010

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lieutenant Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for the Installation of Puerto Rico Transmission and Distribution Line, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his CNMI Business License in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Conduct Construction Survey and Staking.
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- Install Air Relief Valve, Pressure Sustaining Valve, Flush Hydrant, Fire Hydrant, fittings, and connections to water mains at various locations.
- Install 1,500 linear feet of 6" diameter PVC C900 Distribution line and 1900 linear feet of 12" diameter PVC C900 Transmission line including Gate Valves and their connection to the Main Waterline.
- Modification of Existing Water Supply Pipes and other incidentals to complete the work per plans and specifications.
- Chlorination/Washing and Testing of New Waterlines.
- Demolition and Reconstruction of Asphalt Pavement.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after November 1, 2010 at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on November 12, 2010, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the Pre-Bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to **Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager**, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on November 11, 2010.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB11-GOV-010"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 pm local time December 1, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 3:00 pm local time December 1, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 1, 2010, and must be received no later than December 13, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, December 14, 2010. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on December 2, 2010.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Benigno R. Fitial**  
Governor and Contracting Officer

**Herman S. Sablan**  
Director, Procurement and Supply



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CUC-RFP-11-007

### DRINKING WATER & WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN, CNMI

## ADDENDUM NO. 1

November 17, 2010

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is issuing the following amendment to the proposal submittal deadline for CUC-RFP-11-007:

One (1) original and seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-007, Drinking Water & Wastewater Master Plan, CNMI" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, M.P. 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), local time, on **January 14, 2011**. Late submission will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), local time, on **January 7, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., Purchasing Officer via email [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net); Commander Kenneth Esplin via email [kenneth.esplin@cucgov.net](mailto:kenneth.esplin@cucgov.net) and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email [mika.muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika.muna@cucgov.net). CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

**/s/ ABE UTU MALAE**  
Executive Director



# Hundreds join health and wellness fair



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Natalie Codianne of PHI Pharmacy talks to a patient who availed of the blood sugar screening during the Saipan Health and Wellness Fair last Nov. 20 at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe.

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**  
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REPORTER

Hundreds trooped to the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe last Saturday to take part in the inaugural Saipan Health and Wellness Fair.

Organized by Glimpses of Saipan, the Saipan Health and Wellness Fair aimed to increase visibility of health and wellness resources within the community, increase personal health awareness, and encourage posi-

tive lifestyle changes among participants.

Saturday's fair featured 16 booths that provided free information about proper nutrition, stress reduction, diet and exercise, demonstrations, and other means to promote healthy living.

The PHI Pharmacy booth conducted free blood sugar and blood pressure screenings, while Marianas Health Services performed the body mass index and Berg Balance Scale tests at their respective booths.

The Commonwealth Cancer Association and the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program presented the Tobacco-Free Challenge wherein individuals who visited their booth and answer questions correctly get to win prizes like stickers, T-shirts, coasters, coffee mugs, cellphone straps, and a chance to join the raffle for a chance to win a basket containing various gift certificates and items.

During the fair, Foremost Foods Saipan launched the new

Foremost Non-Fat Milk and gave away free cartons of the milk product.

Other booths for the Saipan Health and Wellness Fair were Subway, Brabu Pharmacy, Pacific Marine Resources Institute, Coastal Resources Management, CNMI Diabetes Coalition, Ayuda Network, Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc., Hinemlu Familia, Little Darlings Early Childhood, HIV/STD Prevention Program, and Del Benson Photography.

Transpacific International group business manager Glen D. Hunter said the good turnout

at the health and wellness fair saw the participation of different organizations which, amid the diversity of the Saipan community, come together to encourage the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

"The Health and Wellness Fair is very important because we have a lot of different health concerns in our island. It's good that people can find out and learn more ways on how they can maintain good health," Hunter told *Saipan Tribune* at the event.

Aside from the booths, the fair also highlighted the winners of the poster making-contest and displayed some of the 270 poster entries.

The theme for the poster-making contest is "Eat Better. Play Harder. Live Healthier. Learn Easier. Wellness is a way of life!"

Winners for the 11 and under division are Angelica Narvaez, first place with 26 points; Seung Yeon Han, second place with 24 points; and Michelle Palacios, third place with 21 points.

For the 12-and-over category, the winners are Janet Estrellado, first place with 34 points; Down Jocson, second place with 32 points; and Josie Santos, third place with 26 points.

All winners received one case each of Foremost Non-Fat Milk and various other prizes, including gift certificates and a medal.



A young girl checks out a poster-making entry during Saturday's Saipan Health and Wellness Fair organized by Glimpses of Saipan.

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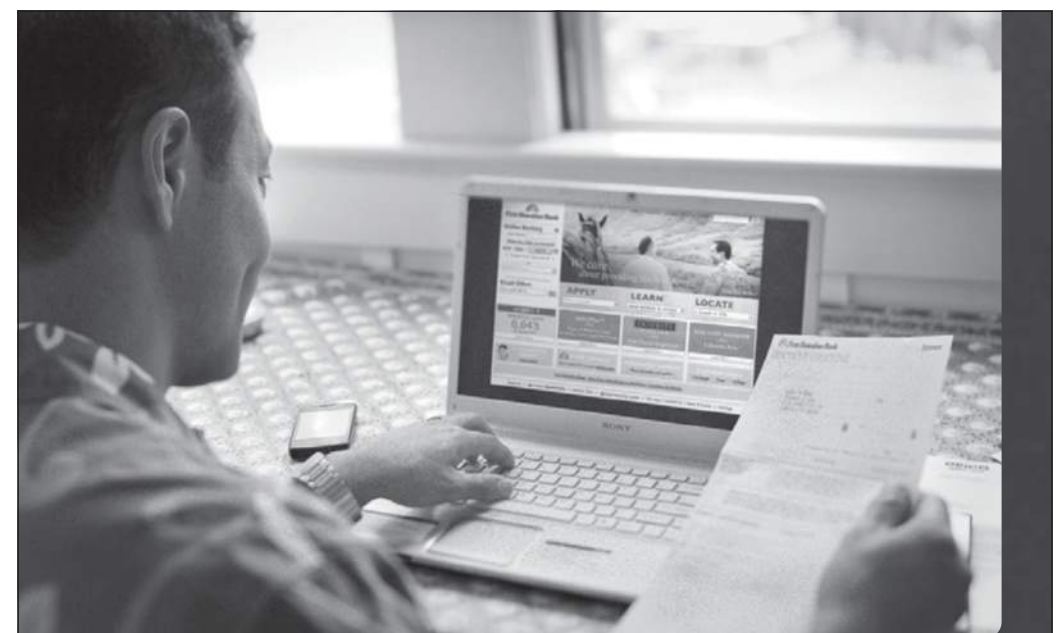
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## Japanese volunteers restore Hoan-Den Pavilion in Garapan

The Hoan-Den Pavilion restoration project at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan was finally completed last Nov. 13.

A group of Japanese residents on island took the initiative and volunteered to restore the pavilion built during the Japanese

colonial period and facing pure north toward Japan.

Hoan-Den Pavilion also houses portraits of Japanese Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko.

One of the Japanese volunteers said the group started planning for

the restoration project in May.

Actual restoration began last Oct. 25 after they secured the permits from the Historic Preservation Office, Department of Public Lands, and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The restoration project in-

involved the cleaning of the premises, repair walls and roof, restoration of side rail, replacing the wooden gate, putting a temporary signage in front of the pavilion, and placing a direction signage by the road side. (Clarissa V. David)



The before (left) and after shots of the Hoan-Den Pavilion that a group of Japanese residents on Saipan recently restored. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 22, 1999

### 'Stop coaching the Legislature'

Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes on Friday lashed back at criticisms leveled against the Legislature for sitting on significant bills that would raise badly-needed revenues for the government amid its mounting financial obligations. In a statement, the senator lambasted Dan Nielsen, the governor's special assistant for education, for questioning the inaction on legislation pending with the Senate for several months now. "If Mr. Nielsen focused more of his time and attention on our students scholarship needs, rather than arm-chair-coaching Senate legislative matters... then perhaps our student scholarship program would not be in such a shambles that it is in today," he said.

### Tinian Dynasty joins HANMI

Tinian Dynasty & Hotel Casino has recently joined the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands. This is the first hotel from the island municipality to join HANMI, which now represents 76 percent of the CNMI's total room inventory, or 3,480 rooms. "We are very pleased to join the Hotel Association and look forward to working with other members on common issues," said Anthony Ha, hotel general manager of the Tinian Dynasty. "At the same time, we'd like to introduce the other hotel general managers to our facilities and some of the upcoming plans we have for the future." The Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino is Tinian's first major casino and hotel resort since the island voted to establish the gaming industry in 1989. While the main feature and business of the Dynasty is the world-class casino, it also includes a 412-room hotel, several international restaurants, and a café, as well as meeting rooms and a swimming pool.

Nov. 22, 2000

### NMIRF turns to Teno for \$6-M

The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund Board of Trustees yesterday asked Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's help in securing some \$6 million in funding so that it can retire its debt and set up the Group Health Life Insurance Program trust fund, which will pave the way for the hiring of a utilization review firm. In a letter to the governor, Board Chair Vicente C. Camacho said students abroad as well as local residents traveling have been having difficulty due to refusal by health providers to honor the CNMI-government issued card as a result of untimely payments made for services rendered to eligible members. Mr. Camacho said a Honolulu-based company has been hired to study the feasibility of turning over a major portion of the GHLP functions for them to manage. The Hawaii Management Alliance Association will examine all medical billings, dispute, arbitrate and ensure that patients are treated for what they are diagnosed.

### Political battle looms over budget insertion

Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez yesterday expressed objection over attempt to insert a provision in the budget proposal that will bar "political employment" on Rota as he called it unfair for imposing it in just one district. He said the FY 2001 spending package pending in the Senate should not be used to further a brewing political dispute in the island municipality. "Get politics out of the budget. This provision is too personal to be included in the proposal," Mr. Villagomez said. Senate President Paul A. Manglona came up with the provision that will effectively terminate the employment of a Republican Party official who is employed in Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona's office, according to the senator.

Nov. 22, 2001

### CDA seeks more funds for Microloan Program

The Commonwealth Development Authority requested for additional \$750,000 from the Small Business Administration to finance the loan application of small-scale businesses in the CNMI. The government-controlled lending agency seeks the approval of the Guam-based SBA for additional funding to accommodate the increasing number of small businesses that have applied for loan under the program. CDA Board Chair Juan S. Tenorio disclosed that there has been about 100 percent increase in the number of Microloan applicants. "The additional money would give us enough funds to help our clients. We already have expended over \$1 million."

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### EDITORIAL

## Shut up and be scanned

**W**ould you rather pose for a nude photograph or be groped by a federal employee? To hear many fliers these days, those are the only two choices for air passengers as the Transportation Security Administration installs full-body scanners at airports and introduces a more invasive pat-down technique that some have likened to sexual molestation. We're not wild about the new methods either, but they're a necessary evil in the era of suicide bombers who board planes with chemical explosives in their underwear.

Objections to the enhanced procedures are many and varied. Some center on the scanners, which are increasingly replacing metal detectors at airport terminals, and for good reason—old-style detectors can't find the plastic or chemical bombs favored by today's terrorists. Yet the new scanners effectively peer through passengers' clothing, earning them the nickname "porno scanners" from such groups as We Won't Fly, a grassroots consumer organization. Passengers fear that the nearly nude images will be saved and disseminated, or they are just uncomfortable with the idea of a security screener peering at their bodies. Others fret that the scanners pose a health risk. And then there are those, such as software engineer John Tyner, who refuse the scans, only to be confronted with an even worse alternative: the new TSA pat-down, which leaves no area of the body unexplored.

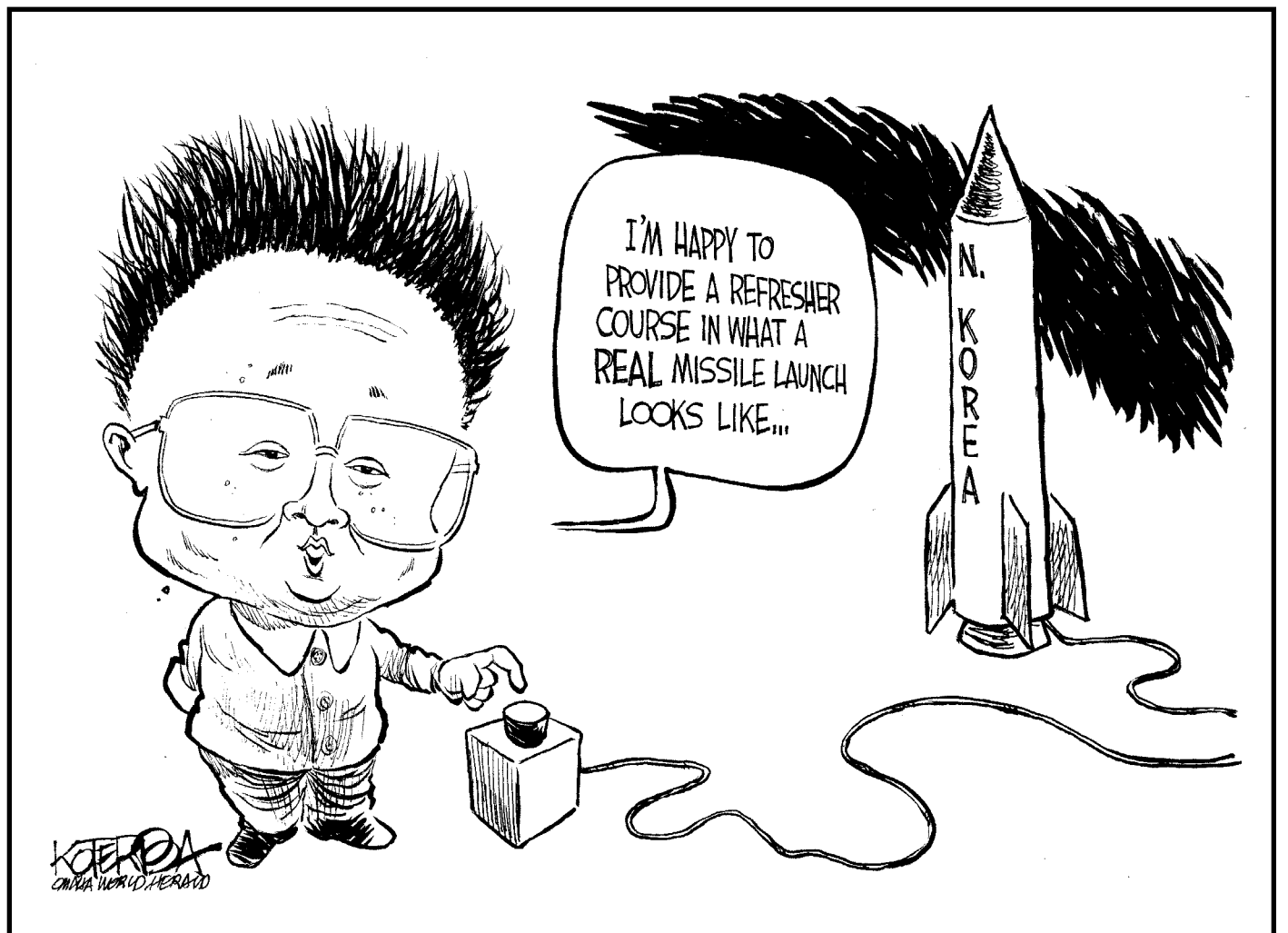
Tyner became a YouTube star last weekend after he recorded his encounter with security officers at San Diego International Airport on his cellphone and posted it online. In the audio-only recording, a TSA employee explains the search technique, which involves running a hand up the leg to the crotch in front and back, to which Tyner responds, "If you touch my junk, I'll have you arrested." Things go downhill from there, with Tyner eventually being threatened with a civil lawsuit for leaving the terminal without submitting to the search. And although Tyner might now be the most famous search objector, he is far from the only one; the Electronic Privacy Information Center has filed suit claiming that the scans violate the 4th Amendment's ban on unreasonable searches, and airline pilots unions are complaining volubly.

There's no bright line to indicate where our quest for security becomes intolerably invasive of our privacy, but we're still pretty sure the TSA hasn't yet crossed it. Although the pat-downs are seriously embarrassing, they're also usually voluntary—to avoid them, you just have to go through the scanner. And fears about the scanners have been overblown.

Images from the scanners are viewed in a separate room by an officer who never sees the passenger, whose face is automatically blurred. The TSA says the images cannot be saved, stored or printed, but privacy advocates are skeptical; the U.S. Marshals Service admitted saving 35,000 images from a full-body scanner at a Florida courtroom this summer. Having seen the less-than-titillating images produced by the scanners, we doubt that they'll show up on Internet porn sites anytime soon—or that even if they did, the subjects in them would be remotely recognizable.

Equally shrug-worthy are the complaints about safety. About half the machines being deployed use X-ray technology that exposes passengers to radiation, yet the amount is so tiny—it would take 5,000 trips through the scanner to equal the exposure of a single chest X-ray—that it's hard to take seriously as a health risk. Fliers are exposed to cosmic radiation during their flights that's many times the level of

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## The CNMI can become the food basket of the Pacific

**L**ast year in October I discussed with you the following thoughts about our becoming a leading supplier of produce, fruit, and flowers for ourselves, for Guam and export. Since I have not seen much progress, I ask why? I believe that the CNMI has the potential and resources to supply these food stuffs to Guam, the U.S. military and even to Japan. However we either do not believe this or have little or no confidence in ourselves.

Are we too busy trying to squeeze more money out of Uncle Sam and too busy lining up at the Food Stamp Office? Think about why we are not trying to do this!

Before the Second World War, the CNMI had over 40,000 acres under cultivation. And after the war, we continued to feed all the military and civilian population in Saipan and Guam. Saipan had coffee and cacao plantations while Rota grew vegetables in sufficient quantity to export to Guam. Tinian had a flourishing livestock industry.

Currently there is no USDA-certified slaughterhouse facility in the CNMI, so livestock raised in the CNMI cannot be processed for meat and sold commercially. Therefore, residents of the CNMI cannot buy locally produced meat, and the meat cannot be exported because it has not been certified as USDA inspected. Yet 10 years ago, the CNMI had two fully functional, USDA-certified compliant animal slaughterhouse plants, one each on the islands of Saipan and Tinian.

Gradually we turned our backs on agriculture and preferred to import most of our food. At the same time we lost interest in farming and in grazing livestock. Now we import almost all of our fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs, chickens, and meat. Yet we could grow most of what we need locally. Instead we prefer to export the few dollars we have and wonder why we never have enough of them.

Currently only several thousand acres are being farmed compared to before. Yet the cultivation, processing, and preservation of fresh fruits and vegetables on a small scale as well as horticulture activities such as flowers and nurseries offer potential for profitable endeavors for new enterprises and expansion of existing activities.

We keep importing pineapples from the Philippines and Hawaii, bananas grown in Nicaragua, and many other fruits and vegetables from various outside sources. Why aren't we encouraging our farmers to grow more of the same products here? If we motivate them to grow more, we keep the money local. After including all the freight charges and port handling charges added to these products, is it any wonder why imported food is expensive in the CNMI?

The U.S. military in Guam has wanted to buy produce and fruits from us for a long time. However we have failed to contact them.

Guam is incapable of supplying the commissaries with the

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amount of food they need. The military bases need a lot of food and is willing to purchase from us. Consider that Guam gets about a million tourists per year. They and along with about 180,000 people on Guam have to eat three times a day. Wow! What a sleeping market that we could tap into. But we have not approached them. Yet we keep salivating over this market while failing to cultivate it.

Guam is not interested in agriculture or aquaculture any longer. They are fast becoming a military base and more and more dependent on businesses related to the military. For example, four years ago there were over six shrimp farms in Guam. Today only two exist. The CNMI has more farmers and farms than Guam. Check it out through the U.S. Department of Agriculture survey.

Through our efforts we can out-produce Guam. Many landowners in Guam have turned away from farming because of different opportunities. As a result Guam is farming less and less daily and importing more than ever before. Yet we stand by not realizing the opportunity that awaits us. The farmers and CRESS of NMC must join forces and act promptly on this industry or we will lose the opportunity. We have acres of diamonds under our feet. Let's bend down and polish them off.

Consider raising flowers! Today the global trade for flowers is over \$100 billion! We have an ideal year-round climate for various tropical flowers which sell at a high premium. Flowers are a high price commodity and have a fast turnover. Check this out the next time you buy flowers and check where they are imported from.

Here are the names of a few of the leading countries currently doing major exporting of flowers: Columbia, Ethiopia, Kenya, India, South Africa, Korea, China, Australia, Thailand and Malaysia. For example, South Korea exports about \$200 million worth of flowers yearly. Why? Why? What is holding us back from entering this 100 billion dollar market?

Japan and the United States would be great markets as possible importers. For example, the United States imports over 79 percent of its flowers. We can even ship flowers to Europe which has the same flying time as to the West Coast of America. Imagine plane-

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# Love and marriage

Our life journey has had so many detours lately that we might be forgiven a pause from the dreary subjects of macro-micro and development economics, and of our continuing journey through China's landscape and contemporary global mindscape, to a depth visit to the core of our personal heartland.

My daughter Michi is getting married to John today along the warm waters of Waimanalo, and their wedding website shows that they will follow the "I do" with a second a reception in John's Woodstock, GA, and a stopover in Western Canada where Michi grew up. Journeying is the mode of their honey fun. Michi might have inherited Tatang's peripatetic habit though the lovebirds are set Somewhere Beyond the Sea. That would be Aloha luau land for continental hinterlanders and the uninitiated.

I am in the middle of a radical transition phase, and the last time we went into a turn like this a decade ago, we took the Shinkansen (Japan's bullet train) from Tokyo to Sapporo a week prior to preaching at West Tokyo Union in the campus of International Christian University. At the time, I was reflecting on a wide-gapped intergenerational lovefeast that beckoned into marriage and the predicted heartbreak.

I was on my way at that time for my other Canadian-born but Chicago-bred daughter's Honolulu wedding to her Irish beau. Teresa's union with Niall has since made a *lao ye ye* (grandpa) out of me. I mention this because old age in China is an advantage that makes one a warm puppy and a revered icon without trying, more so if one has silver mane to wear. This improves the *hua hua gong zi* (Hefner's ilk) appellation that my youthful paramour charged me with when she abruptly up-and-went home to Mama.

On this one, I am staying this side of the international dateline, doing my solitary journey aboard the famed China CHR supertrain to Harbin, and then overnighting on the sleeper to Heihe by the Amur River (aka, Heilongjiang, the black river to the Manchus) that borders China-Russia. This destination is a joint free trade zone with the city of Blagoveshchensk; the traffic between the two navigated with a ferry in the summer, motor vehicles across the frozen river in the winter, and a hovercraft when skating through thin ice. We might even spend rubbles across the water for a balalaika tune.

Somehow, the environment in this trip is a soothing balm to our reckless soul. A child of the laid back '60s, we did not bother to feather our nest with silver to cushion the wild gyrations of global recession and inflation. Covenanted to the mendicant lifestyle, we are out of tune from the trade-and-commerce ethos of our

time. One's financial standing in a community, not to mention the credit bureau, defines life in the mainstream of our contemporary existence. We're scraping the bottom of abysmal penury, currently a nonentity in Bernanke's universe.

We hightailed it to Heavenly Lake Baitou caldera when my PSS colleagues glossed over our intent to return to the classroom, after we bothered to formally qualify to teach at all levels, and had indicated our willingness to be posted anywhere in the CNMI. On the border of China and North Korea, Chiangbaishan Reserve was less language-friendly than I thought so I got lost and the attempt to scale the mythological mountain was aborted. Happily, Mother Nature consoled our spirit with an overnight dusting of White

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Christmas in Yanbian where the Protestants seem to have left a tradition that makes sense of terms like Yule and Noel blanketed by the powdery stuff.

Near Heihe is Wudalianchi, a Geopark about to gain a UNESCO heritage classification. It has five subterranean interconnected lakes among 14 volcanoes. June to September is the preferred time to trek the area and we will keep a side glance should it be opportune to turn in that direction while we are in neighborhood this time.

Blagoveshchensk might, however, turn to be more profession-

geran dos. Man-machochu' mañainata gi Navy yan Trust Territory. Maseha baratu i sueddo lau mas libianu man-gana salape ke chechu' gualu. Segundu offisiu i chechu gualu gi uttimon haane 'sino semana.

En kuando kuando, ta tutuhon muna' fan eskuela famaguonta giya Guam pot taya guine dose gradu esta kase ennaui i sisientai siñku na sakan. Este na hinanau (tana' fan eskuela famaguonta) mau-leg na tinituhon yan kinimiten mañainata. Maug' na rekueddo para i famaguonta. Lau ni unu rumipara na yangin monhayan eskuelan niha ya ha bira siha tatte, siempre ta prebeniye chochu'.

Sige ta taka' adumididi' asuntun planu deste edukasion, adelanton siasat, ekonomia yan politika 'sino i para ta gobietnan maisa hit. Sustansiau este na pinetsige lau ti ensegidas listu i natibu responsabilidadat gobietnamento gi papa' sisteman demokrasia. Piot 'nai mattu gi tinilaikan sisteman gobietnamento 'nai debi kada unu u tuñgo' hafa sustansian responsabilidadat sudadanon Amerikanu.

Huñgan, man-lotgun hit gi karera mona. Lau estague dichu sustansian sisteman demokrasia. Gaige gi tautau i fuetsan areglon sisteman gobietnamento. Deste sagradu na domumento ni umestablese sisteman gobienamenton Estados Unidos de America gaige i tautau giya monana kumu timuneron areglon linahyan.

Lamegai lokue diskuiduta ayu na debi u guaha satton na ansia gi para ta rinueba ayu siha na puntu gi asuntun linahyan 'nai man-lotgun hit. Yangin to sotta gi kaprichoña i asuntu, hita ha' para u fañague gi fattu.

Siempre u birado i natibu gi kritikar na eskalera 'nai ha kuestiona

cavities, where the machines can't detect them. So, it's reasonable to ask, what's next? Anal probes at the airport? It's safe to say that if the TSA gets to that point, it will have crossed the line, and it might be time to explore less invasive methods. Meanwhile, though, a full-body scan isn't a terribly high price to pay for a measure of peace of mind.

Of course, that's not good enough for groups like We Won't Fly. It is promoting a mass protest on Nov. 24, the day before Thanksgiving, urging fliers to opt out of the full-body scanners. This will subject them to the far more intrusive and time-consuming pat-down

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ally alluring, what with its State Pedagogical University among its institutions of higher education. My editor notes that I am one of a few on island who still uses the archaic word "pedagogy," and it is heartening to see it in current use across the Amur river.

What has this got to do with love and marriage? Well, like Mr. Obama's recent move on the US\$, we recognize the current low value of humanity's personal medium of exchange. In fact, marriage as an institution has been on the defensive in the view of Hollywood since after WWII, and Westwood's reputation, along with the glamorous sets of Bollywood (should we change that to Mollywood now that Mumbai has replaced Bombay as the Maharastra city's spelling?) and Nollywood (Nigeria cinema, which, along with Bollywood, are the top two silver screen grossers in the world), are, well, corrupt, and in hypocritical putrid decay.

Sixty percent of marriages in the United States end in divorce so, other than the good polygamous folks of Utah, serial monogamy has since become the fashionable mode of remaining faithful. The Chinese are learning fast; ladies now head for the civil office faster than one can say *wei ni hao* these days.

My Hawaii law enforcement brother claims that criminals make the best cops because they have a "criminal" mind but in the service of the law. In like manner, the scars I carry from the matrimonial tussles of previous years qualify me to be an expert witness, and yes, love has become commercialized with an inflationary value, and the institution of marriage is, at best, a tableau where soap operas are best staged, nevertheless, it remains one of our best human inventions where one can exercise full ambiguity of freedom to act, obedience to consent, and responsibility to covenant. In that respect, I still wax romantic on love (I read forlorn letters addressed to Manong Jaime over radio in College), and will still sign the dotted line on marriage.

Your thoughts are welcome (jrvergara@jraol.com). Will also liberally dispense advice to those seeking guidance.

# Makat Na Karera

H a faisen-yu' un' patgon, "Señor, hafa na sumen makat linala'ta pagu na tiempu?" Hu komprende i sustansian kuestioña. Lau lamegai na pahinan diskuidu lokue gaige gi tatten finaisenña. I sigiente siha na asuntu hu fapogues deste mapos na 50 años:

1). Iya Marianas, taya' minañña tat kumu laña yan oru ni siña man-makosecha ya man-mabende gi metkao elmundo. 2). Gualu yan tasi 'nai gaige tradision linala'ta. Maila ta diskute mas este antes de ta mente otru siha asuntu.

Deste antigu na tiempu si guelu magualue' este siha na islas. Ginen este yan tasi 'nai maprebeniye nesessidat familia. Estague' diposibe modun linala' natibu. Deste chagchag chatagmag esta' i minachom atdau, gaige esta si guelu gi halom haddin. I tasi 'nai tumalaya 'sino pumeska para katson mantension familia, kontodu peskan tanu'.

Hu fagchae' hulu este na tradision natibu. Pot esso na kada finagpo eskuela (yangin taya' dotrina) pues in' tilus ham para i lan-chon as Perdido. In' guasan ñaihon oriyan tinanom siha, man-ñgayu ham, dispues inna' fañocho i gaga' antes de biradan para i gima gi minachom atdau.

Gi uttimon semana, entre man-kasadules ham ayuyu, pañglau, manog hatsadu, umañg yan aguon haya tat kumu gadu yan dagun apaka. Entre este na offisiu 'sino in' dalalag peskadot siha mañun-chulu 'sino tekin. Gof hasan babarias sa' kanaha' todus man-hoben madibidi oran niha gi este siha na finu' chochu' familia.

Adumididi' matulaika este na modun linala' natibu dispues de

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seriosamente todú masusesede guine. Kau linala' miserabbe solu nina' siñata? Kau siña esta ta adelanta? Yangin i ineppe huñgan, ñgaian 'nai siña ta mueba koduta para ta tutuhon asuntun areglo siha? Estague' afañielos 'nai debi i tautau gi señgoñg siha u fan satton umatan hafa dinisehan niha pot kualidat linala' guine.

Megaiña besis 'nai ta sogne i man-ma'gasta pot baban tiempu. Buente ti ta repara na i hale' problema gaige gi tautau kumu botadot sa' guiya umayeg offisiat publiku gi hechuran eleksion para u esgaihon kinalamtentat mona. Hombre, fan akusa 'nai hagu mismu likidu tai mancha.

Gi uttimu besis, debi i natibu u baba hinassoña ya u pula hafa ha diseseha 'sino ha guiguife para futunaña. Este na kuestion hita ha' solu siña umoppe sin ditension. Pot esso, mauleg tana' guaha inasoda' todus para ta diskute este na kuestion antes de u gacha' hit talu otru ira 'sino chinatsagan diskuidu. Pas yan bendision i Saina para todus!

## SHUT UP

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exposure from the scanners.

The quest to keep up with terrorists' shifting methods never ends; as soon as you block one potential attack route, terrorists often find another. In reaction to the new high-tech scans, suicide bombers may well switch to buses and trains rather than airplanes, or airborne killers might resort to inserting explosives into their body






instead, and if many people participate, it will render the traditionally long pre-Thanksgiving delays at airports positively unbearable—and all because a few excessively body-conscious individuals are uncomfortable with a scan that's little more taxing or dangerous than going through a metal detector. The new scans might not be foolproof, but they'll spot more dangerous materials than the old detectors and keep passengers safer. If you can't handle such a minor inconvenience, perhaps you should stay on the ground.



Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

# The Weather

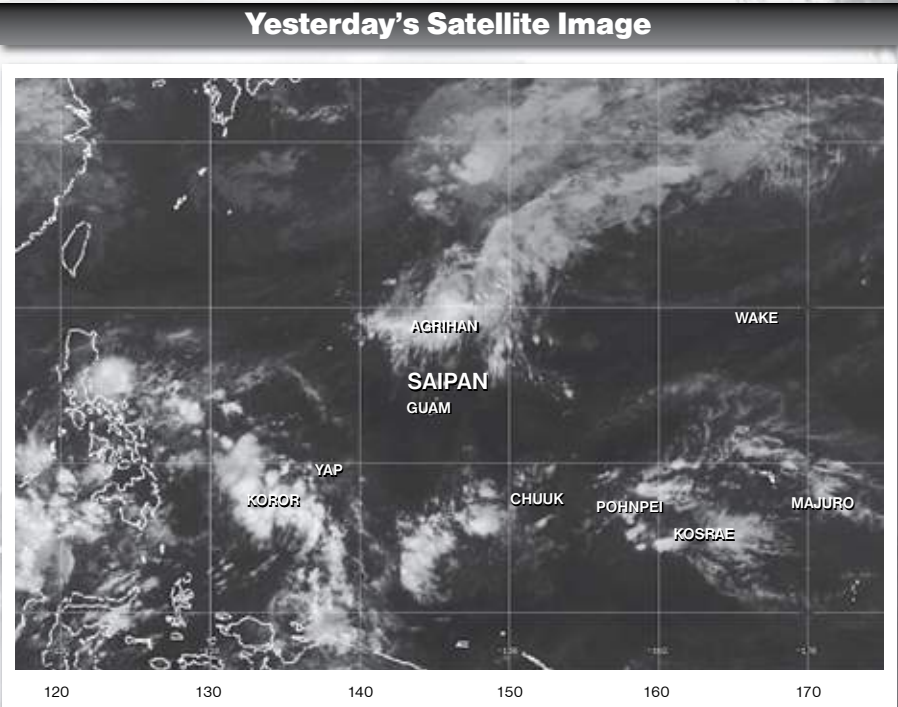
## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼72
Kosrae	Partly Sunny	▲89 ▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲85 ▼75

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲67 ▼59
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲49 ▼28
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼58
Honolulu	Sunny	▲83 ▼72
London	Showers	▲46 ▼39
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲61 ▼43
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼76
Melbourne	Sunny	▲89 ▼60
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼67
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲56 ▼48
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲58 ▼49
Paris	Cloudy	▲43 ▼36
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲60 ▼44
Rome	Rain	▲60 ▼48
Salem	Ice	▲44 ▼29
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲57 ▼47
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲49 ▼32
Tokyo	Showers	▲60 ▼49
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼51

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
1:45 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
8:47 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
2:08 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
6:58 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2010**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from 25N155E to 20N135E then continues westward as a stationary front to beyond 130E at 19N. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are located north of the Marianas within 100 miles of a line from 21N138E to 24N147E. A near-equatorial trough extends southeastward from southwest of Koror at 5N130E to end near 2N140E. Another surface trough extends southward from 15N133E to 8N131E. These features are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Yap within 80 miles of a line from 10N139E to EQ141E and northwest of Koror within an area bounded by a line from EQ130E to 12N130E to 12N137E to EQ133E back to EQ130E. Converging winds near a trade-wind disturbance are generating scattered showers just east of Kosrae within 80 miles of a line from 6N164E to 6N169E.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:22 AM	5:44 PM	Today	6:05 PM	6:33 AM
Tuesday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM	Tuesday	7:01 PM	7:30 AM
Wednesday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM	Wednesday	7:59 PM	8:26 AM
Thursday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM	Thursday	8:59 PM	9:20 AM
Friday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM	Friday	9:58 PM	10:11 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 17, 2010									
DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS				
SAIPAN-GUAM					GUAM-SAIPAN				
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily		C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily	
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6		C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6	
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7		C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7		C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7	
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily		C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily	
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily		C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily	
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)					NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily		DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily	
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily		DL286	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily	
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily		DL288	8:00pm	12:30am+1	Daily	
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)					BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5		OZ607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	4, 7	
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)					SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1		OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7	
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		OZ603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7	
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7		OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)					SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN				
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6		FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5	
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)					MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN				
OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN		OZ704/605	12:10am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		DL172/286	7:55am	8:25pm	Daily via NRT	
C09317/891	2:45am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM		C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM	
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT		OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN	
C09313/933	7:55am	9:40pm	6 via GUM		OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
C09313/893	7:55am	11:00pm	3 via GUM-Palau		C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM- Palau	
C09603/933	3:05pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM		C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:50am+1	5 via GUM- Palau	
C09603/893	3:05pm	11:00pm	5 via GUM- Palau		PR110/C0596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	
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Letters to the Editor

Four and a half years and counting

Since graduating from high school in May of 2006, I have devoted the last four and half years of my life to completing my college education. My initial intention was to first obtain my bachelor’s degree at a prominent business school on the East Coast. But that did not work out. Instead, I pursued something more.

In the last four and half years, I was accepted into a prestigious dual degree program which put me on an accelerated learning track and got me both my Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in a record four and half years. Aside from pursuing a dual degree simultaneously, I took it a step further and decided to double-major in finance and accounting.

In the last four and a half years, I have also managed to get a full-time job at one of the most premier accounting firms in one of their most prestigious offices and divisions. I accepted my full-time job offer for employment after college almost an entire year before completing and receiving my degrees. I am currently in the process of getting professionally certified by my

state’s board of accountancy.

In the last four and half years, I have also been on a mission—a mission to get justice from the Scholarship Office and Board. Four years ago, I brought to light the fallacies of their decision-making process which resulted in an injustice committed against me and my peers. I took them to the Superior Court, and I took them to the Supreme Court.

Of all the challenges and hurdles that have come my way these last four and a half years, this by far has been the most difficult. The reason I say it is the most difficult is not because of the length of time it has taken to pursue or even the matters involved, but because of this board’s continued injustice no matter what the powers of justice (the courts) have declared. I am not sure if they are challenged in comprehending the court’s ruling or challenged in admitting the errors of their ways and the need and urgency to correct them.

What I am sure of, though, is that I did my part. I took you (the Board) through the judicial process of proving that I was right—that

the decision-making process was flawed and needed to be revised. I gave you the time to fight it in court—to prove to me that you were right. The decision has been reached. You were wrong. Accept it. Now, do your job. Do what is right.

At the end of the day, my mission was not about the money. As you can see, I made it very well through college and life so far without this honors scholarship. In fact, my scholarship award directly from my university was more than this honors scholarship. My mission was to make sure that every student, just like me, got justice when it came to the selection process—that they were rewarded based on their merits and based on the laws in place pertaining to the selection process.

We are approaching the five-year mark. I am not asking any of you to do me any favors. All I am asking for are two things. First, do your job. Second, do the right thing.

**Roselle Calvo**  
*New York, NY*

Cross-border and substitution in VLT gambling

In the previous two parts of this series, we saw that the average potential earning capacity of VLT machines can be around \$100,000 per year—each. According to published accounts, Pacific Entertainment Technology, owned (?) by Juan S. Demapan, Manny Borja and Jack Manglona (and I suspect there are other “hidden” local owners that don’t wish to be seen) intends to import 750 of the units under existing law. If the national average is correct, the implication is that the gross “take” from these units will approach \$75,000,000 per year. Now, that’s a lot of money! But before you start smiling too broadly, let’s examine what will probably occur in the CNMI based on demographics and previously published histories from other places.

Other operators have found that there are four important considerations for VLT success: location, location, location, and win-per-day! And, as a result, most of them place units with other similar activities: racetracks, casinos, off-track and sports betting parlors and stand-alone facilities designed for the purpose. Only a very small number allow additional units to be located in mom and pop stores, grocery stores, hotels, etc. Why? They do not attract sufficient revenue, but they do attract “problem” gamblers from the locality and are more subject to security concerns. Has the CNMI considered the placement of these new units?

such as VLT. This phenomenon is well documented in the various states. The result has been widely variable, but generally ranges from 20 to 40 percent or more. That is, revenue generated by existing gambling sources within an area is reduced by this much through population shifting their interest from “old” games to “new” ones. For instance, 40 percent or more of those who currently play poker machines in the NMI may shift to playing the new VLT games, thus reducing poker revenues by nearly half and resulting in much lower revenue from both existing poker machines and VLTs than initially expected. Will current programs such as scholarships be affected by such a reduction in poker revenue? Has it been considered?

It is clear from historical accounts in various states that people will not travel very far solely to play stand-alone VLT units, but will do so when these units are co-existing with much larger and more attractive facilities. And such facilities cost a LOT of money to develop. The major result is simply that existing local players will shift from game type to game type with little resultant growth in the overall number of players; tourism based on the availability of VLT will not increase (all other facilities remaining the same) and the resultant expected revenue increase will not materialize.

Have the proponents (and operators) considered and researched any of these effects? Has the Legislature or other areas of the CNMI government studied the true nature of the “gambling phenomenon”? In last week’s newspaper, for instance, Mr. Demapan touted the creation of 1,000 new local jobs and hundreds of thousands of dollars in new revenue yet proposes to place these units at “all hotels and airports,” sites historically shown not to be very productive unless associated with a larger gambling venue. But are these realistic estimates? Or are they the sales pitch of someone just trying to make a buck by capturing “convenience” traffic?

In short, all we need to do is research the characteristics and effects of VLT gambling in existing locations and then apply that to the demographics of the CNMI. So far, it appears through these comparisons that the CNMI will suffer socially much more than it already is – and anticipated benefits from it will be only for the pockets of the operators.

In the next article of this series, we will take a look at projected revenue estimates and how gamblers “vote”.

**Dr. Thomas D. Arkle Jr.**  
*San Jose, Tinian (temporarily writing from Winter Haven, FL)*

What goes around comes around

Mr. Rabby Syed,

Can you explain the economic hardships that support your request to a waiver on USCIS parole fees? Who are you requesting such a waiver for? Do you have any idea what is the unemployment rate of local United States citizens in the CNMI?

I am sure that with the proper training and patience of employers in the private sector, our local residents can at no cost takeover those jobs a majority of you now occupy.

Remember that at one point in time you admitted that our local immigration control then, was corrupt and you knew that most foreign guest workers especially those that had come from Bangladesh manipulated and took advantage of a broken corrupted immigration system for which some have gained pathways into the United Sate by way of scam marriages.

Speaking of scam marriages, can you publicly explain how or who was responsible for the human smuggling of foreigners to work as security guards into the CNMI, a U.S. soil and were promised the American dream? Today you continue to challenge

the U.S. federal government’s immigration policies into changing their laws, a law a majority of you hailed a victory. I say, what goes around comes around to haunt you.

What our Washington Delegate should be concentrating on is the immediate production of the investor criteria for without investors the CNMI cannot move in the right direction to our economic woes to include that some of our elected leaders have once again seriously made our island a laughing stock through the halls of U.S. Congress with their marijuana bills.

The federal government had infused millions and millions of U.S. dollars funding the war on drugs throughout the United States to include the CNMI and this is what our leaders came up with as an economic revenue generating bill?

It’s the same scenario with border control, manipulate and now fight to corrupt the federal government. Good luck with this one Mr. Syed.

**Gregorio Cruz**  
*Taotao Tano president*

FOOD BASKET

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loads of cut flowers to America, Japan, and Europe! What a lucrative business and all grown by us!

I can go on rambling about the acres of diamonds that surround us, but we must be willing and determined to cultivate these opportunities. Agriculture and floriculture do not require big investments. There are many grants available for the asking. CRESS is a treasure house of invaluable information on how to increase our crop harvest and many other latest techniques. With current technology the same plot of land can produce almost twice as before.

I recall when I started my shrimp farm. Without CRESS’s assistance I would have failed. But they helped greatly. So we have the know-how right in our own backyard.

Yes, a carefully planned agriculture industry can supply most of

our fresh food including meat while keeping money in our economy. And any surplus will create more money from our exports. These industries will compliment and help balance our other major industry-tourism. There is nothing more gratifying than to savor success gained from the sweat of our brow and the labor of our hands. Yes, tourism, coupled with agriculture and floriculture can be the salvation of our depressed economy.

But somehow I feel we will never realize the diamonds under our feet. Why? I have been reminded repeatedly that as our non-local labor force departs, we locals do not want to work in the fields getting our hands soiled and our brow sweating. We lack the strong will and determination to feed ourselves. Let Uncle Sam and others do that for us.

We would rather set up casinos and grow marijuana. But since we don’t want to work in the fields, who will we get to grow it? Nonresident workers?

Hey, I got a better money plant to grow—poppy flowers. Not

only are the flowers of the poppy lovely but we can turn them into opium. From opium we can make morphine and codeine. They are all pain killers. Wow! What a cash crop! Aren’t those activities so much easier? The heck with what they will do to our society. We want the money at any cost. God help us in this thinking!

I want to remind us that we will never succeed until we use our hands and the sweat of our brows to do it. No one will or can do it for. This is our land and to keep it we must work at keeping it. Mere mouthing of words will never do it. It is only by the labor of our back!

To some people I appear as a dreamer or naive. But I have seen other countries and communities lift themselves up by their bootstraps and become economically strong. I saw Japan and Korea after the Second World War revitalize themselves first hand because I lived there. When I was a boy living in Reading, Pennsylvania, my hometown, I recall the slogan the town had: Reading—Ready, Willing and Able! If these people could do it, why can’t we? Let’s get off our but’s (excuses) and do it!



# Business

## Mendiola-Long earns AIFA designation

Phillip Mendiola-Long of Sherman Consulting, LLC and current chairman of the Mariana's Public Land Trust has been awarded the Accredited Investment Fiduciary Analyst™ designation from Stetson University and Fiduciary360, an organization offering training, tools, and resources to promote a culture of fiduciary responsibility and improve the decision-making processes of fiduciaries.

The AIFA designation signifies Mendiola-Long's ability to perform independent fiduciary assessments (audits) measuring how well investment fiduciaries are fulfilling their duties to a defined standard of care. The designation is the culmination of strict prerequisites, case studies, onsite course studies and an examination.

Mendiola-Long scored the

top of his class with a 93 percent passing rate. Rich Lynch, the COO of fi360 training programs, described Mendiola-Long's score as "very impressive" and the "highest in class."

"I was quite concerned regarding sitting for the exam, the pass/fail rate is about 50 percent so I went into the preparation for the exam with the anxiety of working hard to be on the "pass" side of the class. As suspected, the course study prior to the exam was quite intense, not to mention the class demographics were filled with financial industry veterans with an average of 15 years experience in the field of investment advisory services, money management, and certi-

fied public accountants, so at first I felt out of place and out-classed. However after the first couple of days, I got my stride and was soon the leader of the class with some veterans actually coming to me for questions. What started out as a humbling experience soon turned out to be a confidence-builder that transitioned into a top of the class

designation after the exam was taken. I will never forget the experience," said Mendiola-Long.

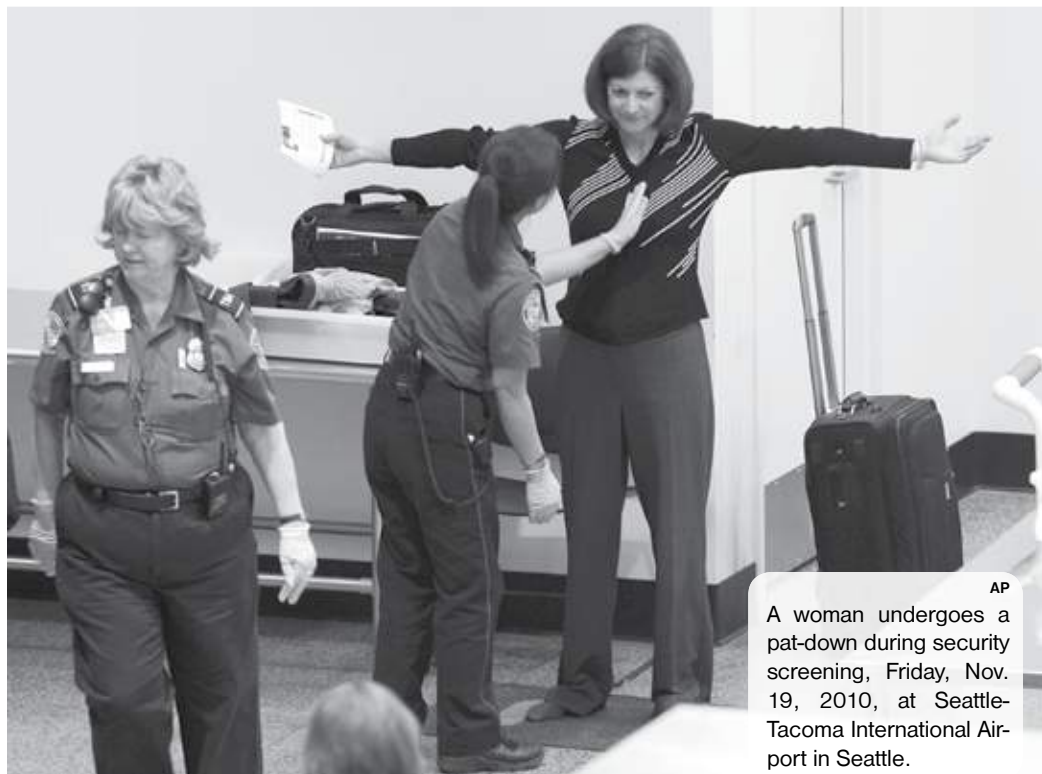
Mendiola-Long, a resident of Tinian and Guam, is the president for Sherman Consulting, which does business in the Asia Pacific Region as a fiduciary consultant.

Mendiola-Long is also the chairman of MPLT, a CNMI-



Mendiola-Long

## Obama says understands ire over airport screenings



A woman undergoes a pat-down during security screening, Friday, Nov. 19, 2010, at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Seattle.

**LISBON, Portugal (AP)**—President Barack Obama has asked security officials whether there's a less intrusive way to screen U.S. airline passengers than the pat-downs and body scans causing a holiday-season uproar.

For now, they've told him there isn't one, the president said Saturday in response to a question at the NATO summit in Lisbon.

"I understand people's frustrations," Obama said, while acknowledging that he's never had to undergo the stepped-up screening methods.

Passengers at some U.S. airports must pass through full-body scanners that produce a virtually naked image. If travelers refuse, they can be forced to undergo time-consuming fingertip examinations, including of clothed genital areas and breasts, by inspectors of the same sex as the passenger.

Obama said he's told the

U.S. Transportation Security Administration: "You have to constantly refine and measure whether what we're doing is the only way to assure the American people's safety. And you also have to think through, are there ways of doing it that are less intrusive."

At this point, that agency and counterterrorism experts have told him that the current procedures are the only ones that they think can effectively guard against threats such as last year's attempted Christmas-day bombing. A Nigerian man is accused of trying to set off a bomb hidden in his underwear aboard a flight from Amsterdam with nearly 300 people aboard. Obama said that in weekly meetings with his counterterrorism team, "I'm constantly asking them whether is what we're doing absolutely necessary, have we thought it through, are there other ways of accomplishing it

that meet the same objectives."

For now it sounds like there aren't, and travelers will face potential pat-downs and scans.

"One of the most frustrating aspects of this fight against terrorism is that it has created a whole security apparatus around us that causes huge inconvenience for all of us," Obama said.

The new scans show naked images of the passenger's body, without the face, to a screener who is in a different location and does not know the identity of the traveler. The U.S. has nearly 400 of the advanced imaging machines deployed at 70 airports, expanding to 1,000 machines next year. So not all airports have them and not all travelers are selected for scans.

The hands-on searches are used for passengers who don't want those scans or when something suspicious shows in screening, or on rare occasions, randomly.

based trust fund valued at approximately \$83 million. In addition, Mendiola-Long is also a board member of the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies where his firm, Sherman Consulting, is the designated fiduciary trainer for all APAFS members.

Mendiola-Long has done fiduciary training in Guam, Rota, Tinian, Saipan, Palau, Majuro, Pohnpei, and Yap.

## Feds: Oil spill claims process needs transparency

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—The Justice Department is urging the administrator of the \$20 billion fund for Gulf oil spill claims to show greater transparency about the process so the victims can feel they are being treated fairly.

Associate Attorney General Thomas J. Perrelli said in a letter to Ken Feinberg on Friday night that this is a critical time for the claims fund as it transitions from initial emergency payments to paying interim and final claims.

Perrelli said he continues to have concerns about the pace of the claims process. He said many of the people and businesses who have claims under review don't have the means to get by while they wait for their claims to be processed.

"While you have indicated that poor documentation has made it difficult to address some claims quickly, over the past two weeks the number of claims requiring additional documentation has actually gone down—while the number of claims under review has increased significantly," Perrelli wrote to Feinberg.

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"The first thing I would like to accomplish is to lead the efforts with the support of the other

Feinberg told The Associated Press on Saturday he has paid out roughly \$2 billion already to some 125,000 claimants. He estimated the total draw on the fund to date at \$6 billion, which he said includes government and cleanup claims. An official with the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Trust, Mark Templeton, said the total draw to date is \$2 billion and he doesn't know where Feinberg is getting the larger figure. Asked to respond, Feinberg said, "That's absolutely not true. You'll have to talk to BP. If I'm wrong, I'm wrong."

Feinberg described the payments to individuals and businesses as generous, but agrees there is room for improvement.

"I think it's always wise to listen carefully to constructive criticism from the Department of Justice," Feinberg said. "They want me to improve transparency, and I plan to do so."

On the transparency issue, Perrelli said more information should be provided to victims about the principles being used to decide claims. He said there is very little reason not to do so.

BP PLC agreed to pay Fein-

trustees of the Marianas Public Land Trust to conduct a self-audit on fiduciary practices. I am confident that the trustees have been complying with fiduciary practices, however it is always good to review our practices to see if there is room for improvement. After the completion of the self-audit, we will most likely seek a third party certification of Fiduciary Excellence which would reduce our insurance premiums tremendously. This will lead to tremendous cost savings for our trust fund," said Mendiola-Long. (PR)

berg's law firm \$850,000 a month to administer the fund. Feinberg also oversaw the \$7 billion government fund for families of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

When the oil spill claims fund was announced in June, officials said the fund could be used to pay all claims, including environmental damages and state and local response costs, with the exception of fines and penalties.

Money left over likely goes back to BP. The Justice Department verified that leftover money would go back to BP, but said the money would first be held in escrow for a number of years to make sure all claims are settled.

"I don't really worry about that because if there's money left over from the \$20 billion, so be it, as long as anyone eligible has gotten paid," Feinberg said.

An offshore oil rig being leased by BP exploded in the Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana on April 20, leading to more than 200 million gallons of oil spewing from BP's undersea well. Eleven workers on the rig were killed.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Irish, EU, IMF face marathon talks for loan deal

**DUBLIN (AP)**—As EU experts dug through the books of Ireland's debt-crippled banks, the question moved from whether Ireland will take an international bailout to under what conditions. On the firing line was Ireland's prized low business tax, which the government says has lured 1,000 multinationals to Ireland over the past decade—but which it may have to give up to satisfy conditions of being rescued. The Irish rescue is the latest act in Europe's yearlong drama to prevent mounting debts and deficits from overwhelming the weakest members of the 16-nation eurozone. Greece was saved from bankruptcy in May, and analysts say Portugal could be next in line after Ireland for an EU-IMF lifeboat.

#### Health group urges restrict flavored cigarettes

**MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP)**—In a major blow to the tobacco industry, public health officials from around the world agreed Saturday to recommend restricting or banning flavor additives that make cigarettes more attractive to new smokers. Delegates from 172 countries that have signed on to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control treaty also agreed

to recommend that tobacco producers be required to disclose their ingredients to health authorities. The tobacco industry lobbied hard against the guidelines, saying that millions of jobs would be lost and economies ruined if countries follow through.

#### Report: Feds conducting big insider trading probe

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Federal authorities are examining whether multiple insider-trading rings reaped illegal profits totaling tens of millions of dollars, The Wall Street Journal reported on Saturday, citing people familiar with the matter. The three-year criminal and civil investigation could result in charges by the end of the year, the Journal reported. A federal grand jury in New York has heard evidence, the paper said. Since the investigation isn't finished, it's unclear what charges, if any, may be brought. One focus of the criminal investigation is whether independent analysts and consultants who work for companies that provide "expert network" services to hedge funds and mutual funds passed along nonpublic information, the Journal reported. Such companies set up meetings and calls between current and former managers and traders who want an investing edge.



# Nation

## Report: Would-be plane bombers post attack details

WASHINGTON (AP)—Al-Qaida of the Arabian Peninsula is promising more small-scale attacks like its attempts to bomb two U.S.-bound cargo planes, which it likens to bleeding its enemy to death by a thousand cuts, in a special edition of the Yemeni-based group's English on-line magazine, Inspire.

The editors boast that what they call Operation Hemorrhage was cheap, and easy, using common items that together with shipping, cost only \$4,200 to carry out.

The group says it's part of a new strategy to replace spectacular attacks in favor of smaller attacks to hit the U.S. economy, according to the English-language magazine, as posted by both Ben Venske's IntelCenter, and the Site Intelligence Group.

"To bring down America we do not need to strike big," the editors write. With the "security phobia that is sweeping America, it is more feasible to stage

smaller attacks that involve less players and less time to launch" thereby circumventing U.S. security, they conclude.

In the magazine, an author identified as the group's head of foreign operations says the package attacks were intended to cause economic harm, not casualties. "We knew that cargo planes are staffed by only a pilot and a co-pilot," the author writes, "so our objective was not to cause maximum casualties but to cause maximum losses to the American economy," by striking at the multi-billion dollar U.S. freight industry.

The al-Qaida offshoot insists it also brought down a UPS cargo plane in Dubai in September, in addition to the Oct. 29th attempts to bring down a FedEx plane, and a UPS plane bound for the U.S. But U.S. officials insist the Dubai crash was an accident caused by a battery fire, not terrorism.

The editors' boast that they chose printer cartridges in which to hide the

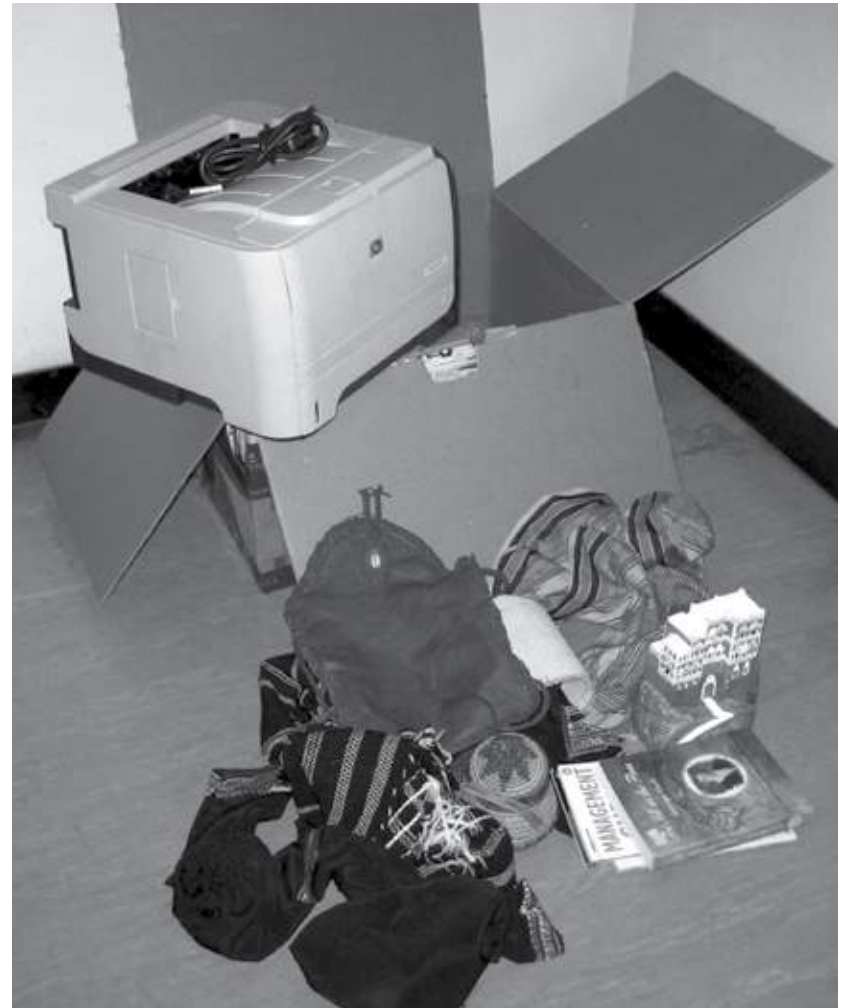
explosive because toner is carbon-based, with a molecular composition "close to that of PETN," so it would not be detected. "We emptied the toner cartridge from its contents and filled it with 340 grams of PETN," the writers say.

In another article, the editors boast of how economically this was carried out, listing the cost of the items, including two Nokia mobiles, at \$150 each, two HP printers, at \$300 each, plus shipping, transportation and other miscellaneous expenses add up to a total bill of \$4,200."

Those who monitor Jihadist sites say the post is a radical departure from the shadowy claims of responsibility common to most al-Qaida groups. "We have never seen a jihadist group in the al-Qaida orbit ever release, let alone only a few weeks after, such a detailed accounting of the philosophy, operational details, intent and next steps following a major attack," says the IntelCenter's Venske.

The fact that the group is "able to pump out this propaganda" shows al-Qaida is still able to operate with relative freedom, says the Carnegie Endowment for Peace's Christopher

Boucek, despite U.S. officials' repeated requests that Yemen step up its counterterrorist operations, and share more intelligence with U.S. officials helping them on the ground in Yemen.



This undated file photo released on Oct. 30, 2010 by the Dubai Police via the state Emirates News Agency (WAM) claims to show a computer printer and other contents of a package found onboard a cargo plane coming from Yemen, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

## Coroner: 2 Ohio women, boy stabbed and dismembered

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio (AP)—Two women and an 11-year-old boy were stabbed to death and dismembered before their remains were put in garbage bags and lowered into a hollow tree, a coroner said Saturday, the latest gruesome details of the murders that have stunned this tiny town.

Preliminary autopsy reports show that Tina Herrmann, her son, Kody Maynard, and her friend Stephanie Sprang were stabbed multiple times with a knife in the back and chest Nov. 10, Knox County Coroner Jennifer Ogle said.

"They were then placed inside large plastic garbage bags and later lowered into the hollow of a large tree," Ogle said in a statement. It's unclear exactly when they died or when their remains were put in the tree. There were no signs of sexual assault.

The remains of the family dog—a miniature pinscher named Tanner—were found in the tree with the bodies, said Joe Pejisa, a family friend.

The victims disappeared Nov. 10 along with Herrmann's daughter, 13-year-old Sarah Maynard, who was found bound and gagged several days later in the basement of an unemployed



This undated file photo provided by the AP shows Matthew J. Hoffman, a man with glasses and a goatee, wearing a white shirt.

tree-cutter, Matthew Hoffman. Hoffman is accused of kidnapping the girl and keeping her in the basement of his home in Mount Vernon, about 10 miles west of Howard in central Ohio.

Authorities say Hoffman provided information that led investigators to the bodies in a wildlife preserve in rural Fredericktown, where Amish buggies

are a familiar sight. The 60-foot-tall American beech tree was chopped down Friday out of respect for the victims' families. The tree was too large to be transported out of the area, wildlife officials say, so its pieces were left in a mound in the preserve.

Hoffman is the only suspect in the killings. His attorney has declined to comment.

Nobody knows how the killer managed to put the bodies in the tree, though wildlife officials say beech tree trunks are typically hollow. Hoffman's former co-workers at a tree-trimming business say he had his own climbing equipment.

The disappearances and subsequent discovery of the bodies have unfolded like a horror movie in Mount Vernon, where people banded together to form search parties in hopes of finding the victims.

Pejisa, the uncle of Herrmann's former live-in boyfriend, Greg Borders, said he was the first person allowed inside the home after investigators cleared the scene. He cleaned blood off the bathroom walls with bleach so that his nephew wouldn't have to see it.

"It was terrible," he said. "Everything led back to the bathroom."

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Army court halts case in Afghan civilian killings

SEATTLE (AP)—An Army appeals court has halted the prosecution of one of five soldiers charged with killing Afghan civilians for fun earlier this year, taking the unusual step after his lawyer argued that the Army's refusal to make gruesome photographs public violated his client's right to an open trial. Pfc. Andrew Holmes, of Boise, Idaho, faced a preliminary hearing last week to determine whether there's enough evidence to send his case to a court martial. His lawyer, Dan Conway, objected because the Army barred him from showing photographs which he says help prove that his client did not kill one of the civilians. Conway said that 10 or so pictures of the victim do not appear to show any

bullet wounds that could have come from the heavy machine gun Holmes was carrying.

#### White supremacists on trial in explosives plot

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP)—Two reputed white supremacists and a black associate collaborated on a plot to sell grenades and guns to a member of a national white supremacist group, according to prosecutors who put the men on trial this week. But the buyer was really a government informant who often wore hidden video and audio recording equipment, producing hours of what prosecutors say is incriminating evidence. Jurors, who have watched some of the videos and listened to audio excerpts during the federal trial, are to return to court Monday and Tuesday, then take

a break until Nov. 29 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

#### Twin in suicide pact wrote to Columbine survivor

DENVER (AP)—One of the Australian twin sisters who shot themselves in a suicide pact at a Colorado shooting range wrote several letters to a survivor of the Columbine school shooting in the months after the tragedy, a Denver television station reported Saturday. Kristin Hermeler, who died in the Monday shooting, wrote two letters to Brooks Brown, according to KCNC-TV. Brown was a student at Columbine High School who was once targeted by Eric Harris, one of the gunmen in the April 20, 1999, shootings. Brown and Harris became friends before the Columbine shooting.

## Woman, 3 kids found dead in violent Fla. scene

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—A woman and her three young children were found killed at a violent crime scene in a north Florida home on Saturday, and homicide detectives were out looking for whoever might have had a reason to harm them, police said.

Family and neighbors said the woman was a single, stay-at-home mother raising twin 6-year-old girls and a 3-year-old son.

Police spokesman David McCranie wouldn't elaborate on the signs of violence police found at the home, but investigators believe the four were slain by someone else. The case is being investigated as a homicide.

"We are trying to find out if anyone would want to harm the family," he said.

The man who lives two doors down said the neighborhood had burglary problems in recent years, though the crimes had waned with increased police patrols. McCranie said he wasn't aware of a lot of problems in the neighborhood and that police hadn't been called to the one-story home before.

It sits in a subdivision built about five years ago that's surrounded by dense woods a few miles from the campuses of Florida State University and Florida A&M University. McCranie said a lot of families live in the neighborhood.

"This is a very shocking and unusual case for us," he said.

McCranie wouldn't say how the four

died or release their names. Their bodies were found after police received a suspicious call at 10:15 a.m.

Phone numbers listed for the home were not in service. A man who owns the property declined comment.

On Saturday afternoon, a crowd gathered outside the house while crime scene investigators came in and out. Several relatives had come but mostly wouldn't talk to reporters.

Dennis Williams, 35, of Albany, Ga., identified himself as the half-brother of the slain woman, who he said was 28. He said the two weren't close, but he knew the woman's focus was on her children.

Cedrica Smith lives across the street and said her young children often played with the children found dead. Smith said the twin girls and the boy had different fathers, neither of which had been married to the woman.

The deaths were a surprise to 40-year-old Antawn Ellison, who lives two doors down from the slain family. He said the neighborhood has been mostly free of crime since police stepped up patrols because of a rash of burglaries about two years ago.

"This is a big shock to me," he said.

However, a woman who came to the scene from her home in an adjacent neighborhood said crime is still a problem where she lives.

"There are a lot of home invasions out here," said Sandra Smith.



# Asia

## Families await fate of New Zealand coal miners

GREYMOUTH, New Zealand (AP)—Relatives of 29 miners still missing three days after an underground explosion were given a tour of the site Sunday in order to better understand the situation, including how toxic gases are preventing a rescue attempt.

Nothing has been heard from the men who were deep in the mine near Atarau on South Island when a massive blast ripped through it late Friday, but officials insist it is still a rescue operation.

"We remain focused on these guys and bringing them home," rescue controller, police superintendent Gary Knowles, told a news conference Sunday in the nearby town of Greymouth.

But with levels of dangerous gases still fluctuating within the mine tunnel, it was too dangerous to send in the rescue teams that have been on standby since the explosion.

A buildup of poisonous gases, which could be coming from a coal fire smoldering deep underground, could generate



another explosion, officials said.

"I can assure you that every mines rescue man working on this operation is waiting to go underground to rescue our brothers. If there's the slightest opportunity to go underground, we will," said Trevor Watts, general manager of New Zealand Mines Rescue.

Anguished relatives have been desperately waiting for news or for rescuers to enter the mine to find their loved ones. They were taken on a two-hour tour of the site Sunday morning.

"It was obviously quite an emotional thing for them to go up there, where their family members are still underground," said Peter Whittall, chief executive of Pike River Mine Ltd. "They were very appreciative of that and have a lot better understanding of what we're talking about."

He said his talks with two men who escaped from the mine Friday had revealed no fresh information. Both were only part of the way into the mine when the explosion occurred.

"None of them were up far enough into the mine to know where the explosion initiated. All we know is ... it came further into the mine than where they were and that both of them got out," he said.

Mine experts on Sunday began drilling a six inch-wide (15 centimeters) hole from the mountain above to test for levels of deadly gasses in the center of the mine. It could take up to 24 hours to complete the 500 foot (150 meter) hole into the mine.

## With Afghan control by 2014, Obama sees combat end

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—President Barack Obama on Saturday said for the first time he wants U.S. troops out of major combat in Afghanistan by the end of 2014, the date he and other NATO leaders set for moving Afghans into the lead role in fighting the Taliban.

Allies had different interpretations of that target's meaning.

Capping a two-day summit of 28 NATO leaders in this Atlantic port city, Obama said that after a series of public disputes with Afghan President Hamid Karzai—and despite the likelihood of more to come—the U.S. and its NATO partners have aligned their aims for stabilizing the coun-

try with Karzai's eagerness to assume full control.

"My goal is to make sure that by 2014 we have transitioned, Afghans are in the lead and it is a goal to make sure that we are not still engaged in combat operations of the sort we're involved in now," Obama told a closing news conference.

For some U.S. allies, 2014 is more than a goal when it comes to shifting their troops from a combat role.

"There will not be British troops in large numbers and they won't be in a combat role" by 2015, British Prime Minister David Cameron said. But he added, however, Britain has no intention of abandoning Af-

ghanistan any time soon.

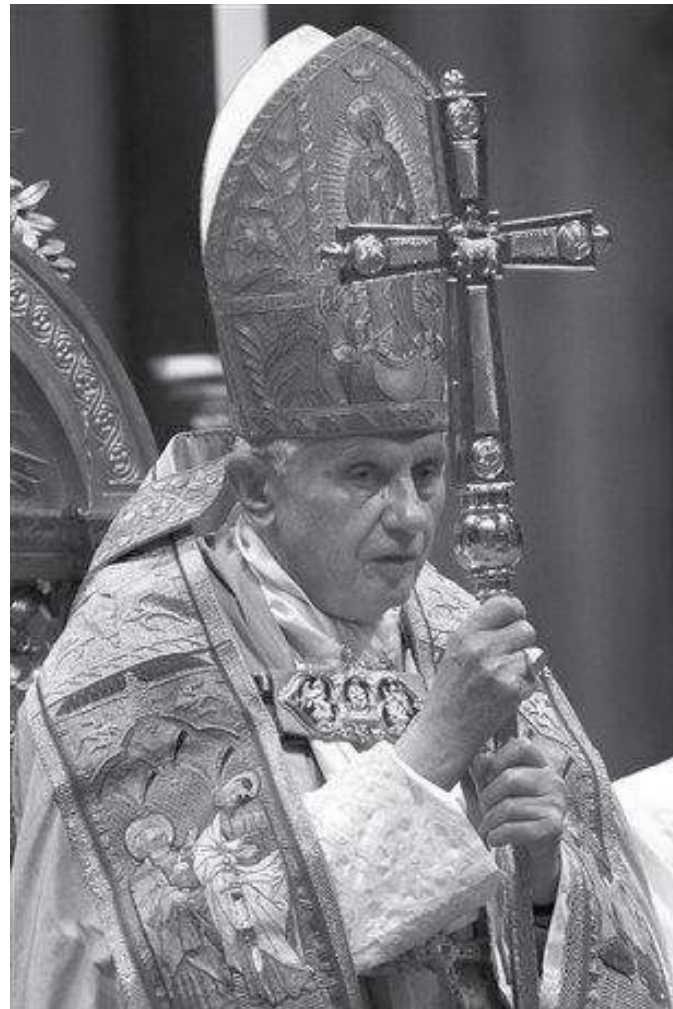
"We may be helping to train their army, we may still be delivering a lot of aid, in effect, because we don't want this country to go back to being a lawless space where the terrorists can have bases," Cameron told Sky News television.

Canada is ending its combat role in 2011.

If Obama's expectation about ending the U.S. combat mission in 2014 holds, it would mark a turning point in a war now in its 10th year, a conflict that once appeared headed for success but that drifted into stalemate during George W. Bush's second term in the White House.

# World

## Pope says some condom use 'first step' of morality



Pope Benedict XVI holds the pastoral staff during a consistory inside St. Peter's Basilica, at the Vatican, Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010.

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Benedict XVI has opened the door on the previously taboo subject of condoms as a way to fight HIV, saying male prostitutes who use condoms may be beginning to act responsibly. It's a stunning comment for a pontiff who has blamed condoms for making the AIDS crisis worse.

The pope made the comments

in an interview with a German journalist published as a book entitled "Light of the World: The Pope, the Church and the Signs of the Times," which is being released Tuesday. The Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano ran excerpts on Saturday.

Church teaching has long opposed condoms because they are a form of artificial contraception,

although the Vatican has never released an explicit policy about condoms and HIV. The Vatican has been harshly criticized for its position.

Benedict said that condoms are not a moral solution to stopping AIDS. But he said in some cases, such as for male prostitutes, their use could represent a first step in assuming moral responsibility "in the intention of reducing the risk of infection."

Benedict made the comment in response to a general question about Africa, where heterosexual HIV spread is rampant.

He used as a specific example male prostitutes, for whom contraception is not usually an issue, but did not mention married couples where one spouse is infected. The Vatican has come under pressure from even church officials to condone condom use for such monogamous married couples to protect the uninfected spouse from transmission.

Benedict drew the wrath of the United Nations, European governments and AIDS activists when, en route to Africa in 2009, he told reporters that the AIDS problem on the continent couldn't be resolved by distributing condoms. "On the contrary, it increases the problem," he said then.

Journalist Peter Seewald, who interviewed Benedict over the course of six days this summer, raised the Africa condom comments, asking him if it wasn't "madness" for the Vatican to forbid a high-risk population from using condoms.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Myanmar patients face eviction after Suu Kyi visit

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar's government ordered more than 80 people at a shelter for patients with HIV and AIDS to leave following a visit by newly freed democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, the center's organizers said Saturday. Suu Kyi, released a week ago from seven years under house arrest, visited the shelter on the outskirts of Yangon on Wednesday, promising to provide it with badly needed medicines. She also addressed a crowd of more than 600 who came to see her. A day after her visit, government officials told patients they would have to leave by next week or face legal action because the center's permit was not being renewed, said Phyu Phyu Thin, a pro-democracy activist who founded the operation. By law, home owners must seek

government permission every two weeks to allow visitors to stay overnight.

#### Times: NKorea secretly builds new nuclear facility

WASHINGTON (AP)—North Korea secretly and with unusual speed has built a large new facility to enrich uranium, says an American nuclear scientist who visited the site, according to *The New York Times*. The scientist, Siegfried Hecker, told the newspaper in an interview that he was "stunned" by the sophistication of the enrichment facility which included hundreds of newly installed centrifuges. The facility has what he described as an "ultra-modern control room." Hecker, a professor at Stanford University and former director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, privately informed the White House of his findings a

few days ago, said the newspaper in an account published late Saturday on its Web site.

#### Thousands return to homes on Indonesian volcano

MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia (AP)—Thousands of villagers have returned to their homes on the slopes of Indonesia's deadly volcano as it has become less active in recent days. The National Disaster Management Agency says that almost half of nearly 400,000 evacuees have now returned home after the government on Friday reduced the official "danger zone" from 12 miles (20 kilometers) from the crater to six miles (10 kilometers). Disaster official Muhammad Anshori said Saturday 270,000 refugees are still in emergency camps as their houses were destroyed or they lack clean water and food.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### S. Sudanese face chaotic homecoming ahead of vote

BENTIU, Sudan (AP)—Many Southern Sudanese who have returned home to vote in a January independence referendum are stranded and hungry in overcrowded camps, residents said Saturday. About 1.5 million residents fled oil-rich Southern Sudan during the 20-year civil war and the government is eager to bring as many of them home as possible to vote in the Jan. 9 poll. That vote could see the creation of the world's newest country and give the south independence from the north. Some southerners arrived from the northern Sudanese capital on long convoys of buses laid on by the government of Southern Sudan as part of their \$25 million "come home to choose" program. They are entitled to some aid from the World Food

Program and other agencies.

#### Gunfire as Madagascar military meets coup plotters

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar (AP)—A group of dissident officers was reported ready to surrender Saturday after attempting to seize power earlier in the week, but junior officers resisted and gunfire rang out during negotiations aimed at defusing a volatile impasse. Reporters had seen hundreds of soldiers loyal to this Indian Ocean island's High Transitional Authority—the internationally isolated government formed by a politician who seized power with the military's backing last year—converge on a base near the capital's airport. About 20 mutinous officers have been holed up at the base since Wednesday. Officials had said talks were planned, but

shots could be heard inside the base.

#### Burkina Faso president poised for re-election

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso (AP)—This West African nation holds presidential elections Sunday, but the winner seems a foregone conclusion. President Blaise Compaore, a 59-year-old former army captain who first came to power through a bloody coup in 1987 and has held on to it ever since, faces an opposition so divided it cannot mount a unified campaign to fight him effectively at the polls. One of the poorest countries in the world, landlocked Burkina Faso has suffered five coups since independence from France in 1960. Compaore is also credited with keeping the country relatively stable since taking power in one of them.



## Focus

## Technology a blessing, a curse for remote island

By MARTHA IRVINE  
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**BEAVER ISLAND, Mich.** (AP)—Muggs Bass doesn't own a computer. She's pretty much dead set against e-mail. Anyone who calls her home on Michigan's remote Beaver Island should be prepared for a busy signal, if she's on her land-line phone. She has no cell.

"When you don't have it, you don't miss it. That's what I say," says the spunky 70-year-old grandmother, who's as comfortable telling jokes at the local pub as she is attending Mass each morning.

Technology isn't really her thing. So, it's a small miracle when Bass drives, once a month, to her island's rural health center to sit down in front of a wide-screen television. There, she and a handful of other islanders connect by video conference with a similar group in Charlevoix, Mich., a two-hour ferry ride to the south and east.

They chat. They laugh. They cry together.

All of them have, or have had, cancer, Bass included. Hers started with a lump in her breast and has since metastasized to her bones, making her cancer treatable, but incurable, her doctors tell her.

Her own grandmother died of the same disease and went off the island for occasional treatments, as Bass does every few weeks. But that grandmother could hardly have imagined a day when islanders talked openly about their cancer, face-to-face with people in a support group miles away.

It's just one of many ways technology is making this rugged place less remote than it once was and, some would say, more livable for more people.

It also gives islanders hope for new jobs that could attract residents to this island in northern Lake Michigan where the year-round population is about 650 people, give or take a few dozen.

"In the last few years, technology has sprung," says Joe Moore, a retired teacher who's known as one of the geeks on the island who helps keep computers running.

Not that the change has come quickly, or that technology always works perfectly.

That's just how it is on an island where a popular bumper sticker reads "Slow Down! This Ain't The Mainland." It's aimed at anyone who's in too big a hurry, including lead-footed tourists who kick up dust on the many dirt roads or who panic when cell phone service drops.

That's life on wired—or at least, semi-wired—Beaver Island.

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So, where is Beaver Island, anyway?

Some Michiganders would show you by holding up their right hands, palms up, and pointing just above the tip of their ring fingers—in other



In this Oct. 6, 2010 photo, Muggs Bass, 70, sits in her kitchen in her home on Beaver Island, Mich. Bass was born and raised on the island and returned 12 years ago.

words, just off the far northwest tip of the state's lower peninsula. But that's if even THEY know where it is.

While Michigan's Mackinac Island is well known, Beaver Island—much of its 54 square miles covered in lush hardwood forests, sand dunes or pristine inland lakes—is not.

That's partly because it is more difficult to get to, especially in the off season. Ferry service runs from Charlevoix, from April through mid-December. Quick flights in small propeller planes are available year-round, weather permitting. In winter, it's not unusual for islanders to be physically cut off from the mainland, unless an emergency sends the U.S. Coast Guard to their rescue.

So when high-speed Internet service became available to most of the island last spring, this was more than just a convenience.

For many, it was a godsend—even if having the service simply meant being able to shop online for just about anything, to play an online game or to watch a newly released movie. For others, it meant being able to stay on the island longer because they had a more reliable connection to do work.

Either way, the outside world was even more readily available, at least virtually.

Schoolchildren on the island were ahead of this curve: The main public school knew how valuable it would be for them to be technologically savvy, especially when students headed to college. In the last decade, those students have been encouraged to take language and advanced-placement classes online. Some in high school also take college courses. They learn how to download and evaluate statistics using palmtop computers.

Connie Boyle, a teacher at the school, helped implement the technology program. She had a vested interest in it, partly because she and her husband decided to raise their daughter on the island after moving here from Chicago 25 years ago.

"We were worried—'How do you bring up a kid on very tiny Beaver Island?'" Boyle says. An answer came when their daughter, now a freshman at Michigan State University, called recently about her computer class.

"Mom, I don't get it," she said. "I'm helping everybody here. We did all this in high school."

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Today's state-of-the-art Beaver Island school is quite different from the one Muggs Bass attended. For her, books were the only real window to the mainland, especially in elementary school.

## ON THE NET

Beaver Island site and webcams:  
<http://www.beaverisland.org>

Like many who settled on Beaver Island, her great-grandparents and a grandmother had come from Ireland, to farm, fish and find a better life. Her own father was a dairy farmer. Born Mary Margaret but called "Muggs" as long as she can remember, Bass went to a small school across the field from the family farmhouse.

Until her school combined with another in the island's main town, St. James, she didn't even know some of her own cousins on the island. Other than a trip to the doctor when she was a young child, she didn't go to the mainland of Michigan—"across," as the islanders like to say—until she visited an aunt in Detroit when she was 12 years old.

"It was big and noisy," she recalls.

She didn't mind that her family didn't have a television until she was a teenager. For a long time, the closest thing she had to a technological device was the family radio, which she sat beside with her father to listen to boxing matches.

Her world was small in those days. That's how she liked it.

But after she graduated from high school, she left the island to find work and she ended up living in other parts of Michigan and then Illinois, where she met her husband. They then moved to northern Indiana, where they raised their son and his children from a previous marriage. Always, she longed to return to the island one day.

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It's not the kind of life that appeals to just anyone.

Donna Kubic, a registered nurse who heads the island's rural health center, gets that. She tells the story of a young woman who came to the island to apply for a job at the health center. The woman had planned to stay for a week, but left after staying just one night in a lake-side cottage.

It was too dark out there with no street lights, she told Kubic. Too solitary.

This is, indeed, a place where one doesn't take modern convenience for granted. There is one grocery store, a couple of gas stations, a handful of restaurants and bars but no movie theater. There is no full-time doctor on

the island, though two visit from the mainland twice a month. Critical patients are airlifted off the island, by the Coast Guard if weather shuts down other options.

As recently as two years ago, if someone needed an X-ray, the films had to be flown to the Charlevoix hospital so a radiologist there could read them. Depending on weather, it could take days.

Kubic knew there was a better way. She persuaded the hospital to help her apply for a grant that recently helped her purchase digital X-ray equipment for the health center. Now images can be transmitted in a matter of minutes.

Next came video conferencing, connecting the island's nurse practitioner and physician's assistant to the mainland hospital's emergency room. It's the same technology that allows Bass and the other islanders to take part in the "Circle of Strength" cancer support group.

"Without it, we'd be out here, in the lake, without a lot of support," Kubic says. Eventually, she hopes that primary care doctors and specialists—even mental health care providers—will be more willing to offer their services to islanders (though so far, she says, they've been reluctant).

"I think it's just education, saying the technology is there, getting the docs used to it," she says.

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When Muggs Bass moved back to the island 12 years ago, she had no idea that she'd soon be dealing with a serious health issue.

A year after she'd been there, she traveled to the mainland for her annual mammogram, which revealed cancerous tissue. She had surgery to remove a breast.

"Then I went along fine for 10 years," she says, until she got a cough she couldn't shake. One morning, she got up and said to her husband, "I need to go across, to the doctor."

Her lung was filling with fluid. The cancer had spread to her bones.

So for the past 18 months, she has traveled to the mainland every six weeks for an infusion of a drug that keeps her bones from fracturing, and also takes a daily pill to slow the cancer's growth. The goal is to extend her life as much as possible.

"I'm going to hold to this until I reach something else," Bass recently told her support group. "And then I'll have to make another decision."

The group in Charlevoix includes an 80-year-old woman with lung and colon cancer, as well as younger mothers who've survived breast cancer and those who are in the thick of the battle. They talk about infections and drainage tubes,

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## TECHNOLOGY

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mammograms and mastectomies. They somehow manage to find humor in topics such as constipation.

One of the moms, introduced to the Beaver Island group through video conference, thanked Bass for sending her a card and a prayer.

"I read it every day," the woman, who has 11- and 16-year-old children, told Bass. "I'm in it for the long term fight. I'm prayin' hard, too."

"That's what you do," Bass said, as she grabbed a tissue to dab her eyes.

Diane Gorkiewicz, who began the Charlevoix "Circle of Strength" six years ago, marvels at the intimacy that has developed so quickly between her group and the islanders.

"The only thing you're missing are all the hugs and stuff," Gorkiewicz told the islanders during a recent video conference.

"And the food," Bass said, teasing the Charlevoix group that they need to share the treats they bring to their meetings.

Joe and Phyllis Moore understand the dynamic.

Earlier this year, the longtime islanders were able to "attend" their youngest granddaughter's first birthday party via Skype. Guests at the party in Washington state sat at a computer to introduce themselves. The Moores saw the cake. They gave real-time wishes to the birthday girl.

"Just thinking about it, it almost brings tears to my eyes," Joe Moore says.

It's not ideal, but the best they can do—better than they could've hoped for, really. The hard reality is that the cost of getting off the island can be prohibitive.

Most islanders have to "wear many hats" just to get by, Moore says. In addition to his computer work, he's one of the island medics and also runs a local website that provides video footage of township meetings, as well as the school's soccer and volleyball games.

Phyllis Moore is now the assistant librarian, but when she moved back to the island after college, she and Joe ran a vacation lodge while he did his student teaching.

"Like most graduates, I was going to get off this rock and never look back," says Phyllis Moore, now 62. "And look where I am now."

Many young people who live here say technology—social networking and their cell phones included—make life on the island better for them, too. But in the end, they face the same dilemma as everyone else: How do you make a living here? And what if there's really no place for the kind of work you want to do?

Brontae Cole, a 17-year-old high school senior, will be heading to college next year and wants to become a homicide detective.

"There's one cop here, two in the summer if we get lucky," Cole says. She grins. "And not a lot of dead people."

Jewell Gillespie-Cushman, a 14-year-old freshman, also wonders where he'll land. His late grandfather, an island icon for whom he was named, was born on Beaver Island and lived here his entire life. Gillespie-Cushman isn't sure he could do the same, even with more contact with the outside world than his grandpa had.

"I'm still debating whether to stay here, or move over there," he says.

Like Muggs Bass, though, a growing number of people want to find a way ONTO Beaver Island—many of them among the thousands who visit each summer and would like to make it home. For many of them, technology is the key.

Jeff Stone and his wife, Sarah Rohner, were able to start spending more time on the island in 2006, when a satellite-based service began offering an Internet connection that was about two-thirds as fast as the newest service, and much faster than the sluggish dial-up service that had been the only option.

The satellite option enabled Stone to quit his real estate job in the Chicago area to start a website design business that he and his wife run from the island much of the year, though not without some initial glitches.

He recalls how snow from a huge storm covered their satellite dish, cutting off their Internet service just as they were about to launch their site.

"We ended up going out in the back yard and throwing snow balls at the dish," he says. That knocked off enough snow to get the Internet working, and they were back in business. But it's not always that easy, or quick.

Laurel Vietzen, a college professor, also from the Chicago area, who now spends several months a year on the island, remembers a violent summer thunderstorm two years ago that left much of the island without Internet and phones. "We had a daughter at the University of Iowa and we were hearing about terrible flooding in Iowa City," she says. "It was three days before we could reach her!"

Now that Internet service on the island is more reliable, many islanders say cell phone service is the big hurdle. One mobile provider's service works well here, though only on the upper third of the island—and outages happen more frequently than most would like.

Even those who reap the benefits of technology feel torn, though. They worry that it infringes on one of the very things they love about the island—it's

inherent, blissful peacefulness.

Technology is, at once, their blessing and their curse.

On a summer night, it's not unusual to see more than a dozen people sitting outside the library's memorial garden, on picnic tables and in their cars, tapping into the free wireless that's left on 24 hours a day.

At the same time, islanders and summer residents alike regularly complain about all the people who now walk around the main streets of St. James, staring at a smart phone screen or iPad instead of their beautiful surroundings.

"The technology is wonderful, but ...," Phyllis Moore says. She raises her eyebrows, noting how, on a nice day, she isn't opposed to kicking kids out of the library after they reach their 30-minute time limit on the computers there.

Meanwhile, it used to be the joke that, by St. Patrick's Day, anyone who lived here year round couldn't stand the sight of anyone else. In many ways, communicating with the outside world helps with that, but not always.

"I don't think it's eliminated cabin fever or getting at each other's throats," Joe Moore says, chuckling. "Sometimes, I think it makes it worse because they can communicate more and get on each others' nerves even more."

Muggs Bass knows about the squabbles and the way a rumor can take on a life of its own, computer or no computer. She wasn't too happy, for instance, when she heard that some islanders were calling her cancer "inoperable." She didn't like the sound of it—wished they'd just ask her directly.

But that was nothing, she says, compared with the support she's gotten from her tiny island community.

"We joke. We kid. We take care of each other," she says. "I can't imagine living anywhere else."

When she got her latest diagnosis, islanders organized a "50/50 raffle" for her, where the winner is supposed to take half the donations. Instead, the winner gave his portion to Bass, a common outcome on Beaver Island. All up, she received nearly \$9,000 to help with flights to the mainland and other expenses related to her illness.

"You talk about emotional," Bass says, tearing up again.

She recalls sitting down after that to pray and, as she might say, have a chat with God.

"I thanked Him, and thanked Him, and thanked Him. I was so grateful that I was able to come back and live here, and for holding me up at this time in my life," she says.

The support group and her new friends on the mainland are part of that.

For her, technology—at least her little slice of it—has allowed the best of both worlds.

## Health &amp; Fitness

## Analysis: Pope's comments add to debate on condoms

By RACHEL ZOLL  
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**NEW YORK (AP)**—With his striking comment on condoms and AIDS, Pope Benedict XVI has started a new chapter in the complex church debate about morality and preventing the spread of HIV.

The Roman Catholic prohibition against artificial contraception is not in question, but Benedict could be carving out a very rare exception for the use of condoms.

Benedict said that condoms are not a moral solution to stopping AIDS. But he said in some cases, such as for male prostitutes, their use could represent a first step in assuming moral responsibility "in the intention of reducing the risk of infection."

He made the remarks in an interview with a German journalist, Peter Seewald, and published as the book, "Light of the World: The Pope, the Church and the Signs of the Times." The Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano ran excerpts on Saturday ahead of the book release Tuesday.

Benedict's comments put a spotlight on a nuanced discussion within the church about how best to address the scourge of AIDS.

The pope had previously said that condom use exacerbates the AIDS crisis. Some church officials echoed the sentiment, arguing that condoms are not foolproof and give people a false sense of protection. Abstinence and fidelity are the only way to stop HIV, they said.

Still, the Vatican never released an official, authoritative policy on condoms and AIDS, and cardinals from around the world often took positions on the issue that differed significantly.

William Portier, a Catholic theologian at the University of Dayton, a Marianist school in Ohio, has not yet read the book, but said it would be wrong to conclude that the comments mean the pope has made a fundamental change in church teaching.

"He's not going to do that in an offhand remark to a journalist in an interview," Portier said.

The pope's circumspect remarks should also not be viewed as encouraging condom use.

However, they could be read as making a distinction between greater and lesser evils, or what moral theologians call double effect, said Michael Baur, a philosopher at Fordham University. An evil may be tolerated for an intended good—in this case, disease prevention.

It is far from the first time such an argument has been made within the church.

The Rev. Martin Rhonheimer, an Opus Dei priest and ethics professor at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, argued in 2004 that an HIV-infected married man who uses a condom to protect his wife from the virus is not trying to block a pregnancy, but to prevent infection. His actions, therefore, could be seen as in accord with Catholic teaching.

"It's an interesting application of ancient moral principles," said Nicholas Cafardi, a canon lawyer and former dean of Duquesne University School of Law. "Even if you

are performing an otherwise evil act, you can mitigate the evil of the act."

Seewald's book is being released at a time when the pope and the Vatican have tried to overcome their widespread problems in communicating the church's message. Some analysts suggested that the pope's comment on condoms in the book could be just another in a series of public relations missteps.

The English publisher of the book, the Rev. Joseph Fessio of Ignatius Press, argued the pope was not justifying condom use, but was noting that protecting someone from the disease shows the signs of taking moral responsibility for another person.

In the book, the pope also reaffirms church teaching that sex should be between a married man and woman and that artificial contraception blocks God's plan for bringing life into the world.

Yet, even with just the narrow example he gave in the interview, Benedict has created an opening for Catholic bishops in Africa and elsewhere to renew their argument that condoms must be part of the fight against the spread of HIV.

## Personal Trainer

## Two ways to lift weights

Some advantages and disadvantages of working out with free weights (barbells and dumbbells) and weight machines:

## Free weights

## Pros

- Relatively inexpensive (basic set of weights costs about \$100)
- Can be used at home
- Versatile enough to work virtually any muscle from any angle
- Can help improve balance, coordination

## Cons

- Weights can slip or be dropped, causing injury
- Adjusting weights can take time
- Lifting heavy weights safely may require the help of a "spotter"

## Weight machines

## Pros

- Easy to use; machine guides movements, and weight load can be adjusted quickly
- Muscles being worked are isolated more efficiently than with free weights
- Advanced machines work muscles consistently through full range of movement
- Safer because weights are held in place

## Cons

- Expensive and bulky; using them usually requires joining a health club
- Variety of machines is necessary for a good workout
- Some machines not suited to all body types



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# Life & Style

**SELMA, N.C. (AP)**—His sermon complete, the visiting preacher offers a benediction, then steps out into the vestibule to shake hands and perhaps sell a few copies of his testimonial book.

From the mob that forms, a girl pushes to the front and thrusts out her hand to reveal a bejeweled Elvis Presley wristwatch. The preacher smiles graciously as a white-haired woman bends his ear about her pilgrimages to Graceland and confesses to keeping a cloth painting of “the King” on her bedroom wall. Others tell of watching Elvis on television or driving with friends to the next town over on Saturday afternoons to catch his latest movie.

The pastor beams. He knows most of the people who have turned out for evening service at Branch Chapel Free-will Baptist didn’t come to hear Rick Stanley, evangelist.

They came for Elvis’ stepbrother.

“Those little ladies, telling them stories. ... They think I’m Elvis,” Stanley whispers, almost conspiratorially.

“Well, I’m the closest thing to it—to them.”

Elvis has been dead 33 years, but his stepbrother is still on the road. For about 10 months of the year, the silver-haired evangelist crisscrosses the country, speaking in school auditoriums and preaching for “love offerings” in churches big and small, his message equal parts Holy Spirit and Elvis’ ghost. Where he once worked behind the scenes as Presley’s personal aid, Stanley has since become something of a celebrity himself—sharing the stage with the likes of Billy Graham and holding hands in prayer with former President Bill Clinton.

A former heroin addict, he uses the story of his own journey from Graceland to grace as an example of Christ’s redemptive love. The King of Rock ‘n’ Roll is his calling card, Stanley’s ticket to “go in places and do stuff GREAT men of God have prayed for.”

“I wouldn’t have ANYTHING without Elvis,” he says, simply. “I mean, I was trailer trash.”

Stanley makes no apologies about using Elvis’ name to minister. But there are those who feel he should. Some of those who were closest to Elvis question the sincerity of Stanley’s conversion. They say he has exaggerated his association with the singer, that the money he accepts for speaking is for his own personal gain.

Worst of all, they say, he has yet to come clean about the day “the King” died.

Says Jerry Schilling, Elvis’ boyhood friend and manager: “He doesn’t exist to me, OK?”

Sliding into a booth at a chain restaurant off Interstate 95, Stanley lays a cell phone, an Apple iPad and a leather-bound New King James Bible on the table. He is nearing the end of a swing through east North Carolina tobacco country—five schools, a community college and three churches in eight days.

At 56, he’s 14 years older than Elvis was when he died. He’s been touring the country for almost as long as his famous step-sibling was on this Earth.

Before tucking into his meal of Mexican soup and cheese biscuits, he bows his head in prayer.

“I pray you use me tonight,” he says. “Give me favor with these people. They understand it’s not all about my brother. He’s a CHAP-ter. He’s not the book.”

## The King and I

# Travels with Elvis’ stepbrother

In this Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010 photo, Rick Stanley, Elvis Presley’s stepbrother, at left, prays with Pastor Terry Dennis, center, and Mike Evans prior to speaking at Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Selma, N.C.

AP



But he doesn’t deny that Elvis was a big, important chapter.

The future preacher was 5 when he and his brothers—Billy and David—entered what he calls “E World.”

It was 1958, and the family was living in West Germany, where father Bill Stanley was stationed with the Army. That same year, a young draftee named Elvis Presley arrived, with his dad Vernon in tow.

Bill Stanley was an alcoholic, and his wife, Dee, was very unhappy. Then she met Vernon.

Before they knew it, the boys were in the back seat of a shiny Lincoln Continental en route to Memphis, Tenn. When the car finally stopped in front of 3764 Highway 51, now Elvis Presley Boulevard, “it was like the Magic Kingdom for me.”

Stanley says he made his way down to the music room. There, leaning against a stereo and singing along with a gospel record, was Elvis.

At 16, Stanley quit school and went on the road with Elvis as part of the “Memphis Mafia”—the singer’s inner circle. Soon, he says, he was strolling the hallways of the Playboy Mansion, and partying with the likes of Jerry Lee

Lewis and Led Zeppelin.

As his stepbrother’s aide, Stanley was often entrusted with the “black kit”—the small, leather-sided makeup bag containing Elvis’ cash, credit cards, jewelry and, as the years progressed, a growing array of prescription drugs. Stanley was taking pills, too, but also became addicted to heroin, something even his stepbrother wouldn’t touch.

Stanley says it was during this dark period that the seeds of his conversion were planted.

When he was about 17, he met 15-year-old Robyn Moye. Robyn was constantly telling Stanley that she was praying for him and often invited him to church—invitations he declined.

As the disco era dawned, the aging Elvis was struggling to reinvent himself yet again.

By then, the singer had ballooned to 250 pounds and was taking handfuls of pills a day. Things were so bad that members of Presley’s entourage were taking 24-hour shifts to watch over him.

On Aug. 16, 1977, Stanley’s shift was supposed to begin at noon. Stanley says he was at Graceland late the night before when Robyn called, sobbing. She’d dreamed he had died and gone

to hell. Shaken, Stanley says he went to see Elvis. He says he sat at the foot of Presley’s bed, and the two talked about prayer and faith.

Eight hours later, “the King” was gone. The official cause of death was listed as heart disease, but tests revealed a potent mixture of prescription drugs in Presley’s system.

Stanley says he had some errands to run before they left on tour, and asked his brother David to take his shift. He says he was at a Memphis restaurant with a woman when he had a sudden feeling that something was wrong and raced back to the mansion.

But according to Dick Grob, Elvis’ chief of security, David Stanley admitted that he and his brother had been partying with women all night at a nearby motel, and were passed out when Elvis died. Elvis’ personal physician, George Nichopoulos, “Dr. Nick,” repeated the allegations in his own book.

David Stanley, the youngest of the three brothers, insists the interview with Grob never happened.

Rick Stanley acknowledges having taken drugs the night before, but he says he was sober when he left Graceland that morning. Even if he had been there, he

doubts it would have made a difference.

“Well, if everybody would have done what they should’ve, we’d have got in the guy’s face a long time ago, ALL of us, and done a—what do they call it now where you set them down? intervention?—and left,” he says. “But that didn’t happen.”

After Elvis’ funeral, Stanley drifted to California, then eventually made his way to Fort Walton Beach, Fla., where Robyn’s family had moved.

It was there, in a little storefront church on Oct. 16, 1977, that he says he had his “Damascus road experience.” His hands were shaking when he stood up to give his first public testimony, but the core of his life’s message was already firmly in place.

Louisiana evangelist Moody Adams heard about Stanley’s conversion and asked him to speak at a revival he was holding in Pearl, Miss. The July 2, 1978, event was in a high school football stadium where Stanley says Elvis had once played.

When he arrived, police were directing traffic, and people were waving signs—only this time, it was for him.

“And I realized at that minute why I went through everything I did as a child and a teenager,” he wrote in his 1986 book, “The Touch of Two Kings.”

Stanley and Moye married in September 1978. Two years later, the Rev. W.A. Criswell, founder of Dallas’ Criswell College and a former two-term president of the Southern Baptist Convention, offered to put the young evangelist through school.

Stanley and his wife (they have two daughters) live in Niceville, Fla. In the years of his ministry, he says he has visited more than 4,000 churches, and held revivals here and in Europe. He gives a secular stay-off-drugs version of his presentation at about 200 high schools a year.

But there are those who don’t buy his tales of his spiritual rebirth.

“The Stanleys, including Ricky, would lie to you with two Bibles in his hand,” Marty Lacker, Elvis’ friend, former bookkeeper and one of the best men at his wedding, wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Schilling, Elvis’ former manager, would say only that he doesn’t “find him consistent.”

If he has gotten some things mixed up over the years, Stanley attributes it to faulty memory, the fog of addiction or “adult ADD.”

David Stanley—who has co-written a book and made a film about his life with Elvis—says much of the criticism is born of envy.

“The one thing that no one can take away from Ricky Stanley is the fact of the fact that he was Presley’s brother,” he told the AP in a phone interview.

Rick Stanley says he’s willing to accept his portion of the blame for Elvis’ death—but not all of it.

“People don’t know the guilt I’ve carried,” he says softly. “I’m the guy that was supposed to be there to keep him alive, you know?”

On a crisp October evening, “Brother Rick” arrives in Selma, an old railroad town 30 miles southeast of Raleigh, in the passenger seat of a loaned Cadillac SUV—blue, not pink. About 300 people have come to hear him, triple the usual attendance for a Wednesday evening service—and a blessing.

## NY judge orders Gawker to pull Palin book pages

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A federal judge on Saturday ordered Gawker Media to pull leaked pages of Sarah Palin’s forthcoming book “America by Heart: Reflections on Family, Faith and Flag” from its blog.

The injunction prohibits Gawker from “continuing to distribute, publish or otherwise transmit pages from the book” pending a hearing on Nov. 30.

HarperCollins Publishers had sued Gawker after it published images on Nov. 17 from Palin’s book before its release next week.

In response, Palin tweeted, “Isn’t that illegal?”

Gawker defended its action in a post

Thursday titled “Sarah Palin is Mad at Us for Leaking Pages From Her Book” and addressed a message to “Sarah” telling her to read pages about fair use under copyright law. “Or skip the totally boring reading and call one of your lawyers,” the post said. “They’ll walk you through it.”

HarperCollins filed a legal complaint Friday in federal court asking that the site be banned from what it termed “further copyright infringement.”

Gawker Media LLC couldn’t immediately be reached for comment Saturday but appeared to have removed the images from its site.

The blog was not the first site to publish excerpts from the book, which has been billed as a tribute to American values, but it refused to take them down after receiving a letter demanding that it do so, the lawsuit said. The Associated Press bought a copy of the book ahead of its Nov. 23 release date.

In it, Palin praises Simon Cowell and the movies “Juno,” “Knocked Up” and “40-Year-Old Virgin.” She accuses President Barack Obama of reflecting “a stark lack of faith in the American people.”

Palin’s first book, the memoir “Going Rogue,” has sold more than 2 million copies.



# 'Deathly Hallows' charms fans with \$61M in one day



**L**OS ANGELES (AP)—Harry Potter is on the way to his biggest magic act yet.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" conjured up \$61.2 million domestically in its first day, positioning it for the best opening weekend ever for the series about the young wizard.

Friday's haul puts "Deathly Hallows" on track to shoot past the franchise's previous high, a \$102.7 million opening weekend for "Harry Potter and the

Goblet of Fire" in 2005.

"Deathly Hallows" lands at No. 5 on the box-office charts for biggest opening day, behind "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" at \$72.7 million, "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" at \$68.5 million, "The Dark Knight" at \$67.2 million and "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" at \$62 million.

It set a record for its own franchise, coming in ahead of

the \$58.2 million opening day of last year's "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

The franchise has taken in \$5.5 billion worldwide in theatrical revenue since the first film debuted in 2001.

The latest film is based on the first part of J.K. Rowling's seventh and final "Harry Potter" novel. The finale, "Deathly Hallows: Part 2," is due out in July.

## NJ judge: 'Hurt Locker' suit can proceed in Calif.

**NEWARK, N.J.** (AP)—An Iraq war veteran can sue the makers of the Academy Award-winning film "The Hurt Locker" in California, not New Jersey, over his claim that the lead character was based on him and he was given no credit or compensation, a judge ruled Friday.

U.S. District Judge Dennis Cavanaugh also denied the defendants' motion to dismiss the lawsuit, though the ruling focused on the issue of jurisdiction and not on the merits of the case.

The lawsuit was brought last spring by Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sarver, an Army bomb disposal expert.

Screenwriter Mark Boal wrote about Sarver in an article published in Playboy magazine in 2005. Boal and director Kathryn Bigelow are defendants in the lawsuit, as are Playboy Enterprises, Kingsgate Films and other companies involved in the film's production and distribution.

"The Hurt Locker" won six Oscars in 2010, including best picture and best original screenplay.

Sarver brought the suit in New Jersey because he lived there during the time the film was produced, according to court filings. But Cavanaugh's ruling noted that Sarver had moved to Tennessee by the time the film opened nationwide and called the choice of New Jersey "seemingly random."

According to the lawsuit, Sarver deployed to Iraq in 2004 as an explosive ordnance disposal technician tasked with identifying and disposing unexploded munitions and IEDs.

Boal was embedded with Sarver's company for 30 days in late 2004 and ultimately produced an article, "The Man in the Bomb Suit," for Playboy that revealed numerous details of Sarver's personal life.

Sarver claims that the "Hurt Locker" character Will James, played in the movie by Jeremy Renner, "is really the Plaintiff, the Plaintiff's name and likeness, and Plaintiff's personal story which were misappropriated by Defendants without Plaintiff's consent."

The suit also claims Sarver was Boal's source for the phrase "hurt locker," which the writer heard Sarver use several times.

When the lawsuit was filed, Boal disputed that the lead character was based entirely on Sarver and said the film was a work of fiction.

"Judge Cavanaugh made the right decision in transferring the case to the Central District of California where the merits of the claims and the defense will be addressed," said Stephen Orlofsky, a New Jersey-based attorney representing Boal and Bigelow.

Todd Weglarz, Sarver's attorney, didn't return a phone message Friday.

## 'American Idol' time slot change adds to upheaval

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—More change is afoot for "American Idol," which will air on a different night for its upcoming 10th season.

The Fox TV network said its hit singing contest will move from its longtime Tuesday and Wednesday night broadcasts to Wednesday and Thursday when it returns. Its season debut is Jan. 19.

The switch means more big change for "American Idol," which is bringing in new judges

Steven Tyler and Jennifer Lopez after the departures of Simon Cowell, Ellen DeGeneres and Kara DioGuardi. Randy Jackson will be back on the panel.

Fox's decision to move the series, announced Friday, comes as "American Idol" must fight to keep its No. 1 spot. The show's ratings have been declining, with this year's finale between winner Lee DeWyze and runner-up Crystal Bowersox drawing about 24 million viewers, down 5 million from 2009.

## Michelle Obama and friends see 'Fela!' on Broadway

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The audience at Thursday's performance of "Fela!" on Broadway got an extra thrill when an unannounced guest arrived—the first lady.

Michelle Obama and six girlfriends stunned theatergoers when she arrived at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre on 49th Street to catch the Tony Award-winning musical about Fela Kuti, the Afrobeat artist and Nigerian political activist. "When the audience realized that she was in the audience, they just went nuts," said Stephen Hendel, who co-conceived and produced the show. "People started standing up and applauding, saying 'We love you!' and 'We love you, Michelle!' It took a

minute or so to get the audience to settle down."

The musical features dancers mingling with the audience and the first lady's group was seated along Row G, where many of the dancers cross over. The Secret Service asked the dancers not to change their performance but to give Obama some extra space.

Hendel was one of only few people who knew ahead of time

that the first lady was coming. The cast was only told 20 minutes before Obama's arrival.

She and her friends arrived shortly after 8 p.m. as the overture was ending.



Joined by New York City Police Chief Raymond Kelly, second from left, first lady Michelle Obama speaks to children while promoting her "Let's Move!" exercise initiative at the Police Athletic League Harlem Center in New York, Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010.

## Wesley Snipes ordered to surrender in tax case

**ORLANDO, Fla.** (AP)—A federal judge ordered actor Wesley Snipes to surrender to authorities Friday so he can begin serving a three-year prison sentence for tax-related crimes.

U.S. District Court Judge William Terrell Hodges in Ocala, Fla., rejected a request from the actor's attorneys to review Snipes' sentence and grant a new trial. Snipes has been free on bond for more than two years while appealing.

"The defendant Snipes had a fair trial; he has had a full, fair and thorough review of his conviction and sentence. ... The time has come for the judgment to be enforced," the judge wrote in his 16-page decision.

The 48-year-old star of the "Blade" trilogy and Spike Lee's "Jungle Fever" was convicted in 2008 on three misdemeanor counts of willful failure to file his income tax returns. He was acquitted of two more serious felony charges.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons would not say where Snipes was to surrender until he was in custody, though inmates gener-



In this March 2, 2010 file photo, Wesley Snipes attends the premiere of "Brooklyn's Finest" in New York.

ally are placed within 500 miles of their residence, said spokesman Edmond Ross.

Snipes' defense attorney Daniel Meachum said an e-mail to The Associated Press that he plans to file an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court now. Meachum said he didn't know when and where Snipes would report to prison, although he said later in an interview that he didn't expect the Bureau of Prisons to take custody of the actor for another five to seven days. Snipes is in Atlanta, preparing to film the movie "Master Daddy."

## Avedon auction in Paris reaps \$7.5 million

**PARIS** (AP)—Christies' says a Paris auction of prints by the late American photographer Richard Avedon, including a multicolored four-frame picture of the Beatles, has brought in euro5.5 million (\$7.5 million).

Auctioneers say an outsized print of the 1955 photograph of model Dovima with elephants at a circus was the top earner at the sale—reaping euro841,000 (\$1.15 million) alone.

The psychedelic-toned

Beatles shot from 1967 brought in euro445,000 (\$608,000). The third-highest take came from a photograph of model Stephanie Seymour cheekily baring herself.

Sixty-five Avedon prints went under the gavel on Saturday.

It was the largest auction of works by Avedon, who died in 2004. The auction was aimed to raise money for the Richard Avedon Foundation.



A visitor watches a photograph called "Brigitte Bardot" (1959), right, and "Beatles portfolio" (1967) by late U.S. photographer Richard Avedon at Christie's auction house in Paris, Thursday Nov. 18, 2010.



# Judge tosses charge in alleged celebrity burglary

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A judge on Friday dismissed a felony burglary charge against a woman accused of breaking into Lindsay Lohan's home, saying there was insufficient evidence. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler dismissed the count against Rachel Lee, who has been accused by authorities of being one of the masterminds behind a series of break-ins at stars' homes that netted millions in luxury clothes and goods.

The decision does not end Lee's legal troubles; she still faces a charge she broke into the home of reality TV star Audrina Patridge, and that she received a fur coat stolen from Lohan's home. She also faces a conspiracy charge, along with four others charged with the burglaries. Lee's attorney, Peter Korn, and prosecutor Chris Baker declined comment after the hearing.

Baker had said authorities still hoped to turn up better evidence tying Lee, 20, to the Lohan burglary. Fidler said it appeared she was charged because she was the only Asian member of the so called "Bling Ring" and matched a vague description of one of the Lohan burglars.

"You have a nice receiving (charge)," Fidler said, "you don't have a burglary."

The judge also expressed concerns about a statement given to police by another woman accused of the Lohan burglary in August 2009. Fidler questioned why the 20-year-old wasn't advised of her Miranda rights before speaking to police after her arrest in October 2009.

Baker argued that Tamayo was aware of her right to remain silent and had invoked the right several times before speaking with police. He said a Miranda warning was not necessary be-



In this July 20, 2010 file photo, Lindsay Lohan listens during a court hearing in Beverly Hills, Calif.

cause Tamayo's attorney was present for the interview, and did not raise any objections during the session.

Tamayo has challenged the admissibility of her statement that she was involved in the Lohan burglary, saying she was coerced into talking to police because she was threatened with deportation. She is an illegal

immigrant.

Fidler deferred his ruling on whether Tamayo's statement will remain part of the case, saying he wanted to hear testimony from one of the detectives accused of threatening her with deportation.

The judge is expected to rule when the case reconvenes on Jan. 14.

## MTV's 'Teen Mom' faces preliminary battery charges

**ANDERSON, Ind. (AP)**—Indiana police want prosecutors to file charges against the star of the MTV program "Teen Mom."

Anderson Police Detective Jake Brooks says in a probable cause affidavit that 20-year-old Amber Portwood "implicated herself" in slapping, choking, and punching 24-year-old Gary Shirley three times since August 14, 2009. Brooks asked prosecutors to file two felony counts and one misdemeanor count of battery. The alleged felonies

occurred in the presence of the child. Leah was one at the time of the first incident.

Portwood's attorney Robert Schembs had no comment Friday. A message was left with the Madison County prosecutor.

An Indiana Department of Child Services spokeswoman says the agency is assessing conditions in Portwood's home. The agency received hundreds of calls after a September episode showed Portwood beating Shirley.

## Daniel Day-Lewis in Ill. to prepare for 'Lincoln'

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)**—Academy Award-winning actor Daniel Day-Lewis is preparing for his role as Abraham Lincoln by visiting the state where the former president began his political career.

DreamsWorks Studios says Day-Lewis will star in the Steven Spielberg-directed film "Lincoln." The movie is based on the book "Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin, who joined Day-Lewis on his tour in Illinois.

The State Journal-Register reports the actor toured several historic sites Friday in Springfield, including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, the Lincoln Home and the Old State Capitol, where Lincoln served as a legislator.



In this Nov. 15, 2009 file photo, actor Daniel Day-Lewis attends a special screening of 'The Private Lives of Pippa Lee' hosted by The Cinema Society in New York.

Filming is expected to begin next fall, and the movie is to be released in late 2012.

## Rapper DMX back in Arizona jail after arrest

**PHOENIX (AP)**—Rapper DMX was arrested in Phoenix for investigation of violating probation by using drugs, authorities said. Court documents released Friday allege the 39-year-old performer used cocaine and OxyContin, failed to submit to drug testing, and drove on a suspended license.

DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, was arrested Thursday by Maricopa County probation officers and was being held without bond in the county jail.

His attorney, Glenn Allen, said he had been working with his client and probation officials and expected the arrest. "It is very frustrating that the probation department would time it in such a way to violate Mr. Simmons right before the holiday and just a few weeks shy of the termination date of the proba-

tion," Allen said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "Mr. Simmons has been working very hard and will overcome this setback."

Simmons was placed on probation last year after convictions for attempted aggravated assault for throwing a food tray at a jail guard, and theft for trying to using a fake name to avoid paying a \$7,500 hospital bill.

He has completed probation for 2009 felony convictions for cruelty to animals and two drug counts.

Maricopa County adult probation officers went to Simmons' north Phoenix home Thursday to take him into custody. He also is accused of failing to participate in counseling programs and make required payments.

"He has been directed to treatment as well as chose his

own treatment program and continues to use drugs following these opportunities," a probation officer wrote in a court document requesting that DMX be held without bond. "His ongoing drug use places him in great danger."

Simmons could face prison time because of his repeated probation violations, and officials will likely ask that his probation be revoked, said Zach Dal Pra, chief deputy of the county adult probation department.

Simmons' other legal troubles include pleading guilty in 2008 to attempted cocaine and marijuana possession in Miami, and pleading guilty in a 2004 incident in which he posed as an undercover federal agent and crashed his sport-utility vehicle through a security gate at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.



This is a booking photograph of rapper DMX, provided by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office on Friday, Nov. 19, 2010, in Phoenix, after the latest arrest of the rapper.

DMX recorded such hits as "Get At Me Dog" and "Party Up" in the 1990s. He also appeared in films including 2000's "Romeo Must Die" and 2003's "Cradle 2 the Grave."

## Unsportsmanlike conduct ruins festive holiday atmosphere

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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*Dear Abby*

DEAR ABBY: I am hosting Thanksgiving this year. I consider it a joy to bring family together to share traditions. However, two of the uncles insist on blaring sports games on our TV during these gatherings. Neither I nor my husband or parents are interested in sports. Usually there is money riding on these games, and there are loud discussions about bets and other things I would rather my kids not hear. We can't move the TV because it's too large, and forcing them to turn it off kills the holiday cheer.

How do I learn to live with the noise of a stadium gamecast over EVERY holiday? My home is where the family gathers on most of them.

NOT AN ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACK IN INDIANA

**DEAR NOT:** The sports events have become part of the tradition, and nothing you or I can say will change that. If you are concerned about your children overhearing something they shouldn't, have them play in another room and provide games to occupy them, or ask that they "help" you prepare the meal or set the table. That should keep them occupied and out of the way.

As to your learning to live with the noise of the telecast, it might help if you repeat the Serenity Prayer from AA:

God grant me the serenity to accept  
the things I cannot change,  
courage to change the things I can,  
and wisdom to know the difference.

REINHOLD NIEBUHR

DEAR ABBY: My wife "Julie" and I have been married a year. On our first date she asked me if I liked dogs. I told her no because I'm allergic to them. However, because we were compatible in so many other ways, I worked past this difference and tolerated "Fido." I walked him at times and began taking allergy medication when we started living together. I did it out of love and respect for my wife.

Julie returned the respect in kind. My late grandmother had given me a blanket decorated with characters from a favorite TV show when I was a child. Although it clashed with our furniture, Julie draped it over the couch in our den because she knew it was meaningful to me.

I was away on a business trip when Fido died. I sent flowers and called my wife, expressing my condolences. When I returned a few days later I noticed my blanket was missing. When I asked where it was, Julie tore into me saying I had never liked Fido and she had buried him with my blanket! I was furious and let her know with a few choice words.

It has been a week and the mood here is strained. I'm still angry about what she did. Do I have the right to be upset?

STRESSED AND STEAMED

**DEAR STEAMED:** Anger is a part of grief, but what your wife did was wrong. She took something that didn't belong to her and that was precious to you and destroyed it. She did it because she wanted you to feel the same kind of loss that she was suffering. It was immature, unkind and hostile. You are certainly entitled to your feelings. She owes you a sincere apology.

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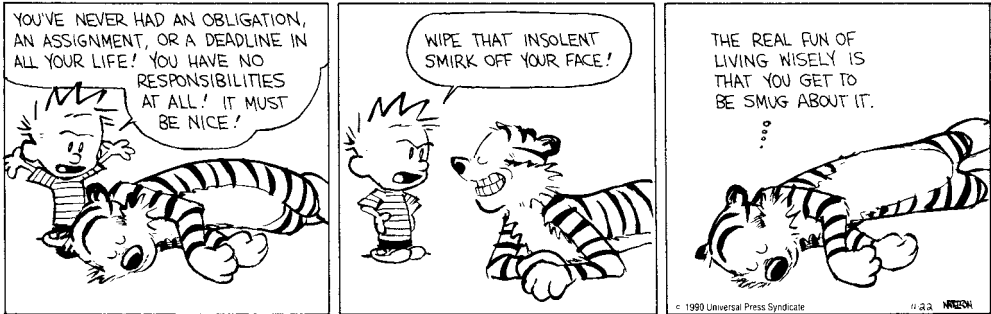
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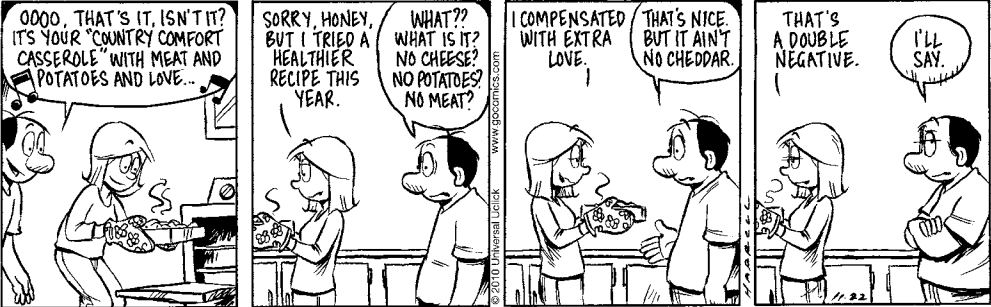
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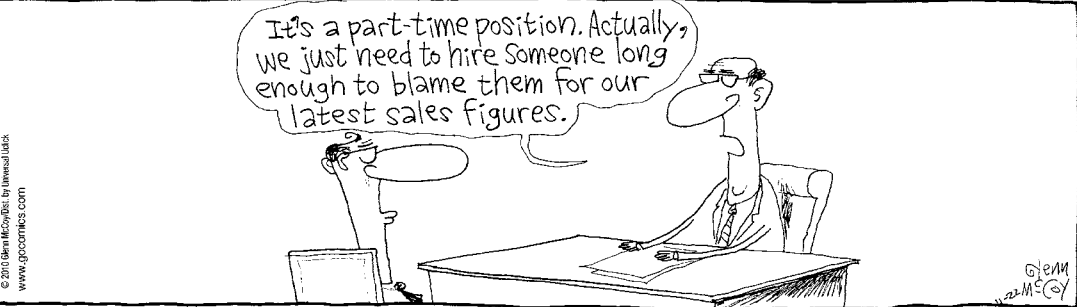
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By Bryan Basset



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By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Initial stake  
5 Mandible  
8 Jog  
12 Take extra precautions  
14 Inauguration recitation  
15 Used by all  
16 "Do — others ..."  
17 Tokyo's old name  
18 Abductor  
20 Thread recommended by dentists  
23 Dullard  
24 Allergic reaction  
25 Remark  
28 Lubricant  
29 Fugard's "A Lesson From —"  
30 Aah's partner  
32 Order  
34 FDR is pictured on it  
35 Roof overhang  
36 Bowler hat

**DOWN**

1 Joan of —  
2 Ultra-modern (Pref.)  
3 "Tiny" Dickens lad  
7 Greeted  
8 Hairpiece  
9 Carry on  
10 "Beetle Bailey" dog  
11 Norse thunder god  
13 Lather  
19 Venus de Milo's lack  
20 To and —  
21 Secular  
22 Scandian city  
23 Frontiersman  
25 Collarbone  
26 Black (Fr.)  
27 Mausoleum  
29 "— for All Seasons"  
31 Attention getter  
33 "Cats" showstopper  
34 "Clair —"  
36 Showroom sample  
37 He loves (Lat.)  
38 Jeans pioneer  
39 Second-hand  
40 Actress Thompson  
43 "— the ramparts ..."  
44 April 15 payment  
45 Netherlands city  
46 Fun and games

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

**Saturday's answer 11-22**

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Scarlett Johansson, 26; Mark Ruffalo, 43; Mariel Hemingway, 49; Jamie Lee Curtis, 52

**Happy Birthday:** You can accomplish a lot this year if you set your priorities and stick to your game plan. There will be plenty of distractions that appear to be more fun, but pushing for success will bring far greater rewards. Love is on the rise but don't let it influence your financial or professional decisions. Your numbers are 2, 9, 13, 20, 26, 31, 45

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Focus on friends, family and partners and you will enhance your connection to people who are important to your future. Be proactive and progressive. What you say can make the difference to the end results. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Emotions won't mix well with financial deals. Stick to business. There is too much tension involving what you owe and what's owed to you. A little creative accounting will allow you greater freedom in the future. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't be fooled by what someone tells you. Chances are you are being given a false impression to lead you off-course. Do your own fact finding. An interesting relationship will form between you and someone with whom you do business. A little charm will go a long way. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Avoid keeping secrets or getting involved in any sort of gossip. There is plenty to accomplish and, with the right attitude and being a team player, you will enhance your reputation

and possibly your position. Positive thinking equals positive performance. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Networking will lead to a better position or an opportunity to partner with someone who can contribute to your project. Taking part in events or activities that include children will lead to new friendships. Make home improvements. \*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** There is way too much to do to waste time arguing over something unimportant. Your greatest revenge is your own success. Put your time and energy into something constructive. It will ease tension and divert any negative responses. \*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Enjoy entertainment, travel and communicating. A creative idea can lead to a lucrative invention. Your charm will lead to a partnership that can be very beneficial. \*\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Rethink your financial strategy. You may have to make some concessions in order to make ends meet. Take a unique approach to a talent or skill you have and put a price tag on what you have to offer.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Pay attention to the people with whom you have business or personal relationships. There is plenty you can do to make someone feel important and, in doing so, you will bypass a problem. Overindulgence and overreacting will work against you. \*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Be ready to compromise in order to get what you want. It's important to under-

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stand what everyone around you needs. Get any red tape issues out of the way so you will not face last-minute setbacks. Someone you have to deal with is likely to be difficult. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Make alterations at home that will ease your stress and help you stick to your budget. Now is not the time to overspend but it is the time to rethink the way you handle your money. Cut your overhead by sharing costs. \*\*\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You are likely to make someone uncomfortable or angry if you are too honest about the way you feel or what you think. Travel and communications will lead to delays, detours and disruptions. Be accommodating: It's hard to find fault with someone who is. \*\*

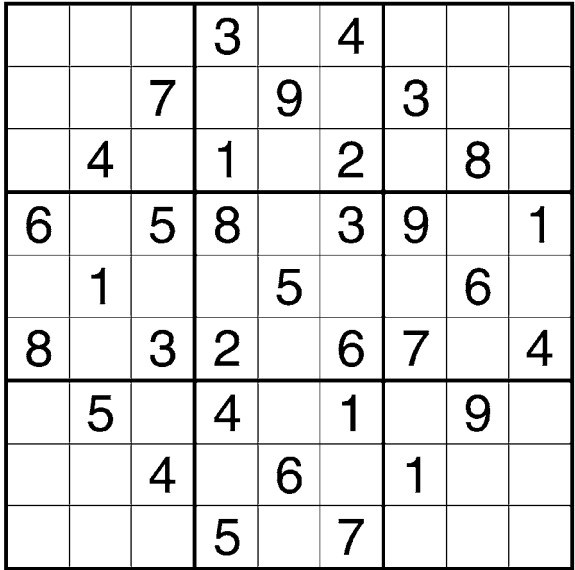
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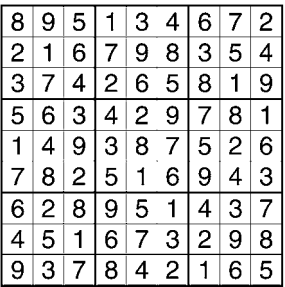
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'BONES' (TV SERIES) Solution: 7 letters



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COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

-v-

MARIANO S. NAPUTI, Defendant.

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CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff,

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DANIEL JOSEPH M. CABRERA and MAGDALENA S. CABRERA, Defendants.

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THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, INC., Plaintiff,

-v-

RAMON P. AGULTO and DALIA R. AGULTO, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0338

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# Carroll, Bush still cherish their tarnished past



## NEW ORLEANS

(AP)—Many of the spectacular memories Reggie Bush and Pete Carroll made during their time together at Southern California are no longer recognized by the NCAA.

The Saints' star running back and the Seahawks' first-year coach may never be the legends they could have been at USC. Yet the sanctions that tarnished their legacies haven't soured their relationship or eroded their enthusiasm for the unforgettable highlights that defined their days in Los Angeles.

"Not at all, because what we built while we were there together, we built a relationship, a brotherhood so to speak," Bush said this week as he prepared to meet Carroll's new team in the Louisiana Superdome on Sunday. "Coach Carroll is a guy I'll always have the highest regard for and love and respect. ... No matter what happened at the end of the day, nobody can take anything away from us."

Earlier this year, the NCAA concluded that Bush and his family accepted money and gifts while he was still in college, which undermined the flashy running back's amateur status. The report also blamed USC and Carroll for failing to monitor players' financial dealings closely enough.

Penalties included a two-year bowl ban and temporary loss of scholarships that has left USC a far less dominant force in college football. USC victories from December 2004 through the end of Bush's college career—including the BCS title game at the end of the '04 season—were vacated. Bush also preemptively relinquished his title as 2005 Heisman Trophy winner rather than risk the ignominy of being asked to do so.

None of that affects Bush's professional success with the Saints (6-3), the club with which he won a Super Bowl last season. His black-and-gold No. 25 jersey is all over the Superdome on game days.

Carroll, meanwhile, has been faring well since taking over a Seattle team that went 5-11 last season. The Seahawks (5-4) lead the NFC West.

While Bush said his allegiance lies firmly with New Orleans and that he wants nothing more than to beat Carroll this Sunday, he also added that he could easily envision himself playing for Carroll in the NFL.

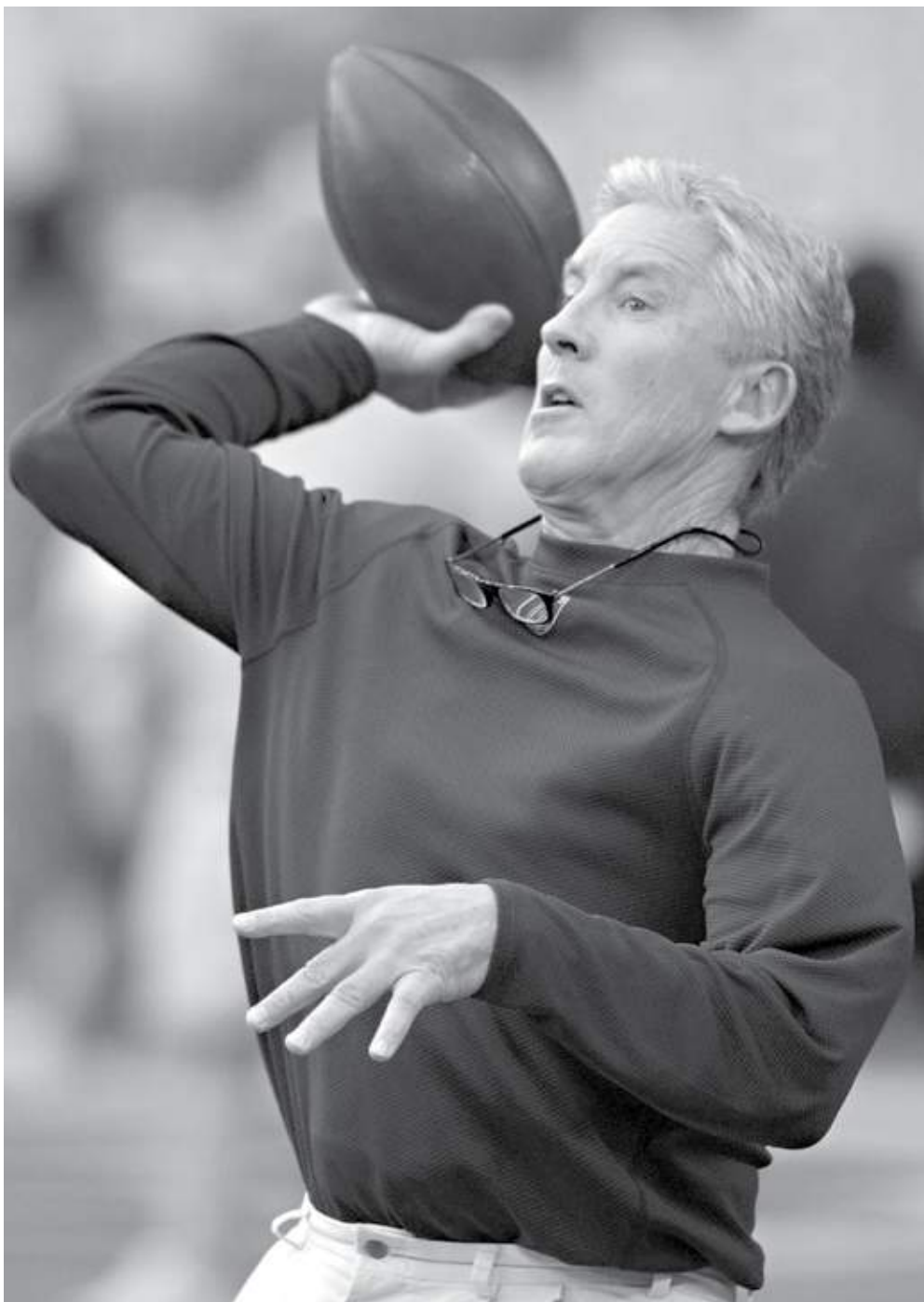
"He's a great coach and I think he's a great motivator," Bush said. "He's definitely a players' coach. ... It's a competitive atmosphere, but at the same time, you're having fun and coaches are having fun. ... That's why we had so much success."

Bush still fondly recalls a prank Carroll orchestrated in which the coach and running back LenDale White had a fake argument, after which White stormed off the practice field. Minutes later, a dummy wearing White's practice uniform came flying off the roof of a nearby building and crashed to the ground.

"It was supposed to be funny. That's the type of stuff that he does," Bush said. "Any time you can create a fun-filled, competitive environment, you're going to get the most out of your players."

Carroll meanwhile, asserts that Bush has been a very successful professional and remains as troublesome for defenses as ever, even if he hasn't piled up gaudy statistics or a single Pro Bowl selection in his four NFL seasons.

"Whenever you get picked second in the draft, people are going to have extraordinary expectations for you. It's al-



Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll throws the football prior to an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals, Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010, in Glendale, Ariz.

ways hard to live up to those and somebody's always going to be disappointed," said Carroll, who went on to applaud Saints coach Sean Payton for the way he employs Bush in New Orleans' offense.

"The things that they're doing with him are the things we tried to do with him in college. You try to get him in space. You try to get him matchups. You try to utilize his great speed and ability to bust plays and games wide open. They totally understand it," Carroll said. "He's not getting the ball 25 times a game from the tailback position, but he's still a factor in playing championship winning football, obviously. So, it can't be more obvious. They won a world championship with him. I think whether the critics are satisfied, who cares?"

Carroll said he did not think his familiarity with Bush would be much help to Seattle if Bush, as expected, returns this Sunday from a seven-game absence caused by a broken bone in his lower right leg. Carroll then harkened back to his days as Bush's coach to explain why.

"I tried that for years in spring practice," Carroll said. "To try to slow him down in scrimmages and stuff is really challenging."

Carroll might not have coached Bush if not for a late-hour recruiting effort. Bush had taken one official visit to Washington and had only four others planned to Notre Dame, Stanford, Texas, and Oregon.

Carroll said he was late getting to Bush because he had trouble telling from Bush's high school video clips how good the running back could be.

"I watched Reggie's film three times as much as any guy I've ever looked at because I couldn't figure out what was going on," Carroll recalled. "He'd take off on a run and he'd be so far ahead of everybody that he'd just be jogging in the end zone all the time and I couldn't get a good evaluation."

"I finally realized the only reason there's no one on the film is because he's so ridiculously fast and makes guys miss by so much, he's just leaving people in the dirt and he's unique," Carroll continued. "So we came back hard and recruited him."

For a while, it looked like Carroll had pulled off a recruiting coup of the highest order. Bush's Trojans career was full of long, slashing runs, receptions and punt returns, and his brilliant play brought constant national attention to the program. Bush's best season was 2005, when he had 1,740 yards rushing and 2,890 all-purpose yards.

Now, however, Bush's No. 5 Trojans jersey and replica Heisman are no longer on display at USC.

Bush said he and Carroll don't discuss the NCAA investigation of Southern Cal or how it affected their relationship with the school, though they maintain a lot of affection for the program and regret the fallout from the probe.

"It sucks, obviously, because we wish that didn't happen, but you've got to move on sometimes," Bush said. "Sometimes, through the negative things, you can find ways to turn it into a positive."

## Nostalgic reunion for TO, Fitzpatrick

CINCINNATI (AP)—Ryan Fitzpatrick spent two years in Cincinnati as the backup quarterback, then moved on to Buffalo when the Bengals didn't want him anymore. There, he teamed with Terrell Owens on a season that was unsatisfying all around.

Owens moved on, landing in Cincinnati. Fitzpatrick stayed in Buffalo and won the starting job. They meet again on Sunday in a game that says a lot about two franchises that have far fewer than six degrees of separation when it comes to losing.

Try: three wins combined.

"I don't know what you call this game," Owens said. "They're 1-8 and we're 2-7. It's the battle of the worst, I would say."

In more than one way.

The two northern franchises have been wandering around the NFL's desert for most of a decade—in Cincinnati's case, two decades—unable to string together winning seasons. Both are at low points again when they renew a series that has been dominated by Buffalo lately.

It's a bigger surprise for the Bengals, who won the AFC North last season and thought they were in good shape to repeat—something they've never done in their history—after they signed Owens to upgrade the passing

game. Owens has been a good addition, leading the team in touchdowns while watching his words. Everything else has imploded, dragging the Bengals back to their bad old days.

Some fans made the 90-mile drive to Indianapolis last Sunday and wore paper bags over their heads for a 23-17 loss to the Colts. The Bengals now have lost six in a row, the 12th time in the last 20 years that they've had such a long losing streak.

Another loss on Sunday would clinch their 18th non-winning record in the last 20 years, an incredibly bad run in a league where parity tends to even things out.

All the talk about back-to-back titles was abandoned weeks ago. Now, the last-place Bengals are just looking to get a win for the first time since Sept. 26.

"You're so hungry for a win—it's been so long—that you just can't wait to get to Sunday," quarterback Carson Palmer said.

The Bills' long wait ended with a 14-12 win over Detroit last Sunday. Even with that, Buffalo has already clinched its 10th season with a non-winning record in the last 11, a streak not nearly as long as the Bengals' but not all that much better.

Like the Bengals, they're at the point where winning even one game

is meaningful.

"We're still 1-8, so it's not like you win one football game and the world has changed," receiver Lee Evans said. "I still think we have a lot of work to do, but it is a step in the right direction."

The next step for the Bills is trying to win two in a row, something they haven't done since the first half of last season. They're not yet to the point where any confidence has kicked in.

"That's a pretty good leap, to go from hoping (to win) to expecting," first-year coach Chan Gailey said. "I think that you take that one step at a time. That's what it was, it was one step that week. If you go throw another one on top of this, then (you) start to believe and expect a little more. We haven't made it yet, that's for sure."

The Fitzpatrick/TO moves are examples of the franchises' struggles to get it right.

The Bengals decided to get a different backup quarterback after Fitzpatrick threw eight touchdowns and nine interceptions while filling in after Palmer hurt his passing elbow in 2008. They replaced him with J.T. O'Sullivan, who didn't last long. He was released in September after a poor preseason.

In Buffalo, Fitzpatrick has thrown

for 14 touchdowns this season and a passer rating of 85.5, which is higher than Palmer's 83. Asked if he was happy to see Fitzpatrick succeeding, Bengals coach Marvin Lewis chuckled and said, "No, I wish he was still here with us."

Buffalo could use someone like Owens, who ranks third in the league with 59 catches and third with 834 yards. The Bills let the 36-year-old receiver go after last season, thinking he might be ready to fade at his age. They guessed wrong.

"As you guys have seen this year, he still has the speed," Fitzpatrick said. "He's still an elite receiver in this league. I think we have a mutual respect for each other. It was a tough situation here last year."

Both are a little nostalgic about going against their former teams on Sunday at Paul Brown Stadium.

The Bills have the upper hand in the series. Buffalo hasn't lost to Cincinnati since the 1988 AFC championship game, winning the last nine in a row. A win on Sunday would match the Bills' best streak against any opponent—they won 10 straight against the Jets from 1987-92.

Given their lowly status, that streak of dominance may not mean anything.

"It's a completely different everything," Evans said. "Everything is different now than it has been."

Except the losing, that is.



# Jazz stage another comeback, beat Blazers



**PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)**—C.J. Miles scored 25 points, hitting five 3-pointers during an electric fourth-quarter comeback, as the Utah Jazz stunned the Portland Trailblazers 103-94 in the NBA on Saturday.

Al Jefferson had 20 points and 14 rebounds for the Jazz, who have been the NBA's best comeback team this season, with six fourth-quarter comeback wins.

Miles, who finished with a career-high seven 3-pointers, had 17 points in the fourth.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 24 points and 11 rebounds for the Blazers, who have dropped five in a row to Utah.

## Mavericks 98, Hawks 93

In Atlanta, Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 points, including the two free throws that sealed the result, as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Atlanta Hawks 98-93 in the NBA on Saturday.

Jason Terry added 15 for the Mavericks.

Atlanta guard Joe Johnson couldn't shake Tyson Chandler's tight defense and misfired on a 3-point attempt that would have tied it with 2.5 seconds remaining.

Al Horford finished with 20 points and 20 rebounds for the Hawks.

## Spurs 116, Cavaliers 92

In San Antonio, the hosts made it ten straight wins by comfortably beating Cleveland.

Off to their best start in franchise history, the Spurs improved their NBA-best record to 11-1 while extending their longest winning streak in nearly three years.

Tony Parker scored 19 points while rookie Tiago Splitter had 18 on 7-of-10 shooting.

Mo Williams scored 21 points for the Cavaliers, who played a night after losing on the road to New Orleans—the only team to beat San Antonio so far.

## Thunder 82, Bucks 81

In Milwaukee, Russell Westbrook made two free throws with 7.3 seconds left to lift Oklahoma City over Milwaukee.

The Thunder again were without NBA scoring leader Kevin Durant, who missed his second consecutive game with a sprained ankle. Jeff Green was also on the sidelines for a fourth straight game—seventh overall—with a sprained left ankle.

James Harden had 23 points and nine rebounds for Oklahoma City, while Westbrook finished with 18.

Brandon Jennings led the Bucks with 25 points.

## Magic 90, Pacers 86

In Indianapolis, Jameer Nelson converted a go-ahead three-point play with 33 seconds left, leading Orlando over Indiana.

The Magic trailed 86-85 when Nelson was fouled by T.J. Ford on a 10-foot jumper and converted the resulting free throw.

Dwight Howard scored 19 of his 25 points in the second half, helping Orlando recover from a 52-49 half-time deficit. Rashard Lewis made five 3-pointers and finished with 21 points.

Howard also had 12 rebounds and blocked three shots for Orlando, which limited Indiana to 34 points in the second half.



Utah Jazz's CJ Miles (34) and Al Jefferson (25) defend a shot by Portland Trail Blazers' LaMarcus Aldridge (12) during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Saturday Nov. 20, 2010.

The Pacers had five players score in double figures but shot just 39 percent from the field. Roy Hibbert had 19 points and 10 rebounds.

## Grizzlies 97, Heat 95

In Memphis, Rudy Gay hit a fadeaway jumper over LeBron James at the buzzer to give Memphis victory over Miami.

James tied it for the 12th time, dunking against Gay with 5.5 seconds left. Gay came back with the winning 13-foot jumper in front of the Heat bench.

Memphis was without Dwayne Wade (sprained wrist), while Udonis Haslem was carried off with a sprained foot in the third quarter.

James finished with 29 points and 11 assists.

The Grizzlies won despite starters Zach Randolph and O.J. Mayo being benched for a quarter as punishment for being late to the pregame shoot-around. Randolph led Memphis with 21 points and 13 rebounds.

## Bobcats 123, Suns 105

In Charlotte, Stephen Jackson had 24 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for the first triple-double in Bobcats franchise history as Charlotte beat Phoenix.

It was the second career triple-double for Jackson, whose first also came against the Suns when he was with

Golden State. He hit 10 of 13 shots and led an efficient night for the Bobcats, who also got 26 points from Boris Diaw while shooting 58 percent from the field.

Playing its second straight game without Steve Nash (strained groin), Phoenix wilted in the second half and hit only five of 21 3-pointers in its third straight loss. Grant Hill scored 23 points.

## Nuggets 107, Nets 103

In Denver, Carmelo Anthony had 28 points and eight rebounds as Denver held off New Jersey.

A three-point play by Anthony with 5:55 left and two free throws by Nene pushed the lead to 99-93. The Nets missed four straight shots before Chauncey Billups found Nene underneath for a game-sealing layup.

Nene scored 22 points to be among seven New Jersey players in double figures.

Rookie Derrick Favors had 14 points and eight rebounds for the Nets.

## Knicks 124, Clippers 115

In Los Angeles, New York completed an unprecedented three-game California sweep by beating hapless Los Angeles.

Amare Stoudemire had 39 points and 11 rebounds while Danilo Gallinari scored 17 of his career high-tying

31 points in the fourth quarter for the Knicks.

New York, who ended a six-game losing streak with consecutive road wins over the Kings and Warriors, have won three games in California on the

same trip for the first time.

Rookie Blake Griffin had career highs of 44 points and seven assists for the 1-13 Clippers, off to their worst start since opening the lockout-delayed 1999 season 0-17.

## Hornets, Raptors complete 5-player deal

The New Orleans Hornets sent Peja Stojakovic to Toronto on Saturday in exchange for guard Jarrett Jack as part of a five-player trade.

New Orleans also received center David Andersen and guard Marcus Banks, while guard Jerryd Bayless, acquired by New Orleans from Portland less than a month ago, will go to Toronto.

New Orleans, which missed the playoffs last season, is off to a 10-1 start with three-time All-Star Chris Paul healthy and playing well. Yet the surprisingly strong start wasn't bound to dissuade general manager Dell Demps from making moves aimed at finding the depth to keep the Hornets' point guard as fresh as possible throughout the season.

Stojakovic entered the season saying he understood he could be traded because of his expiring \$15.3 million contract.

His odds of being shipped out only rose when he lost his starting job this season to Marco Belinelli, who was acquired in an offseason trade and is currently New Orleans' third-leading scorer, averaging 12.7 points.

Stojakovic, 33, was inactive for several games earlier this season but has seen more action in the past week. He has played in six of the Hornets' 11 games, averaging 7.5 points.

Known for his accurate shooting from behind the 3-point line, Stojakovic has averaged 17.3 during his 12-year career. Returning from back surgery in 2007-08, he was a key contributor when the Hornets won a franchise-record 56 games, earned their

first division title and came within a game of advancing to the Western Conference finals.

However, he has been injured more frequently the past two seasons, raising concerns about his durability as he moves toward the twilight of his career.

"Peja has been a valued contributor as a Hornet for years and we wish both Peja and Jerryd all the best in their future and thank them for their recent contributions in helping us get off to a strong start," Demps said in a statement.

The 27-year-old Jack has started 13 games for the Raptors this season, 10.8 points, 4.5 assists and 3.2 rebounds in 27 minutes per game. At 6-foot-3, he is a combination guard who could back up Paul at the point and also play shooting guard.

His contract runs through the 2012-13 season and pays him more than \$5 million each of the next two seasons.

The Hornets hoped Bayless, a former first-round draft choice, would emerge as Paul's primary backup. His play was sporadic, however. He has averaged 4.5 points and 2.5 assists in 13.5 minutes, with his best performance coming against the Los Angeles Clippers when he had 15 points and nine assists.

Andersen, a 6-11 Australian, has averaged 5.1 points and 3.1 rebounds in 13.6 minutes per game with Toronto.

Banks has had trouble cracking the regular rotation in Toronto, getting into only three games and averaging 2 points. (AP)

## Pirates give up on Duke, LaRoche, Young



**PITTSBURGH (AP)**—The Pittsburgh Pirates won't offer contracts to left-hander Zach Duke and infielders Andy LaRoche and Delwyn Young, designating them for assignment in moves that effectively make them free agents.

The Pirates chose to create roster space for other players in advance of the Rule 5 draft next month.

Pittsburgh made a similar move last winter with closer Matt Capps, who went on to be one of the majors' top relievers for Washington and Minnesota.

By not tendering them contracts, the Pirates are giving up on Duke, their former staff ace, and LaRoche, their former starting third baseman who was considered a key to the Jason Bay trade two years ago.

All three were arbitration-eligible.

The 27-year-old Duke was 8-2 with a 1.81 ERA as a rookie in 2005, but hasn't been fewer than five games below .500 since then. He was 8-15 with a 5.72 ERA last season as the Pirates lost 105 games. Before that, he was 11-16, 5-14, 3-8 and 10-15, with an ERA of at least 4.06 each season.

"I am truly thankful for the opportunity the Pirates have given me and genuinely enjoyed my time in Pittsburgh,"

Duke said in a statement. "I understand this business decision and wish the Pirates and my friends still on the team the best of luck in the future."

LaRoche was the Pirates' starting third baseman in 2009, batting .258 with 12 homers and 64 RBIs. He lost his job to rookie Pedro Alvarez last season while hitting .206 with four homers and 16 RBIs in 247 at-bats, mostly as a bench player. He hit .152 in 2008.

LaRoche, 27, and minor league pitcher Bryan Morris were considered the key players acquired by Pittsburgh in the three-team trade that sent Bay to the Red Sox and Manny Ramirez to the Dodgers. Morris has yet to pitch for the Pirates.

Young, a bench player, hit .236 with seven homers and 28 RBIs in 191 at-bats. One of his season highlights was becoming the first major league player to homer off Nationals rookie Stephen Strasburg.

The moves with Duke and LaRoche weren't a surprise, as it was evident late in the season that neither fit in the Pirates' long-term plans. The team estimated it would cost at least \$6 million to re-sign Duke for 2011.

The Pirates added right-handers Michael Crotta, Jeff Locke, Kyle McPherson and Tony Watson and left-hander Daniel Moskos to their 40-man roster.







# Weekend Sports

**L**uck and a solid team proved to be a potent combination for winning squads that were in last week's headlines.

Fate was on the side of Japanese Mori Toshiyuki during the 15th Annual Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic, as he won a rare hole-in-one in the annual tournament and took home a brand new Yaris from Microl Toyota. Toshiyuki made the hole-in-one on the par-3 No. 3 on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

After his no ordinary feat, Toshiyuki continued playing

## Hole-in-one winner, runners headline week

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with teammates Itsuro Hosoda and Masami and Satsuko Ogura and together they topped the four-person scramble format and double peoria handicap system tournament, besting 27 other squads.

Also fielding strong teams in a competition were Saipan Community School, Marianas High School, and Hopwood Junior High School, which

dominated the 2010 All Schools Cross Country Championship.

Saipan Community took the boys U12 championship and had its U10 and U8 runners ruling their respective age groups.

Hopwood reigned in both the girls and boys junior high school races, while MHS took the men's and women's top places in the high school division.

In other developments last week, various leagues on Saipan continued.

The QQ Cup caging was down to four teams with Docomo Pacific, Ferrera Builders, IT&E, and Wings Travel in the semifinals.

The Rotary caging continued with its U15 and U19 games, while a new league—the Masters Cup—opened last week

with Top 45 and Armatech leading the list of early winners.

In badminton, four teams were left to battle for the championship in the playoffs. The Pink Dynamites took the No.1 seeding in the playoffs, followed by the Black Hawks, Yellow Idols, and Orange Shuttle Masters.

The NMIFA boys U14 had also started its playoff round

with MP United leading Tan Holdings, and Paire Red and Black grouped in the upper four bracket and Matansa, Shirley's, and Independents playing in the lower three group.

In the girls U14, Matansa clinched the regular season championship and will be seeded in next month's playoffs, while MP United had already secured the boys U18 title.

Still in football, there was a three-way tie for the men's league with Wild Bill's, Inter Godfather's and MP United holding identical 2-1-0 win-draw-loss records.



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Orange Shuttle Masters' Ferdie Arago watches a low ball during a play-off match against the Pink Dynamites in the Traders Insurance badminton tournament last week at the REM Center.



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Participants in the 2010 All Schools Cross Country Championship leave the starting line at the CPA Field last week.



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Hole-in-one winner Mori Toshiyuki, center, is joined by Hyatt Regency general manager Nick Nishikawa, left, Microl-Toyota's Doug Brennan, right, and Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic guest of honor Juan Blanco, front, during the awards ceremony last week.



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A Wild Bill's striker tries to protect the ball from a Tan Holdings defender during their game in the men's league at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



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Matansa and Paire strikers exchange nudge as they chase the ball during their game in the NMIFA girls U14 league at the San Antonio Elementary School Field last week.



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The Sparks' Sahj Hussain drives against G-Stars defenders during their game in the U19 division of the Rotary caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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IT&E's Ivan De Vero pulls up for a jumper against Atalig Associate's Marlon Cabrera during their playoff game in the QQ Cup at the Gara-Ban Basketball Court.





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## MHS ends Kagman's reign in MISO caging



Members and supporters of Marianas High School pose with their championship trophy after beating Kagman High School in the MISO caging finals last Saturday, 70-33, at the MHS Gymnasium.

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**M**arianas High School snapped Kagman High School's winning run in the MISO Girls Basketball League with the Lady Dolphins cruising to a 70-33 in their championship game last Saturday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The victory completed the Lady Dolphins sweep of the 2010-2011 season, while the loss foiled Kagman's bid for an unprecedented fourth straight title in the girls varsity division.

The Jose Tumaquip-coached MHS was unbeaten in the three-round robin regular season and then remained unscathed in the last weekend's playoffs to earn a perfect



record this year.

With their 6-0 record in the regular season, the Lady Dolphins were paired against the last-ranked Saipan Southern High School in the first round of the playoffs last Friday and MHS won.

In the semifinals, MHS was pitted against the second seeded Kagman and prevailed anew to gain the first finals

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## NMIFA scores another fall festival hit

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association added another successful football fall festival to its record books, following the well-attended and organized event last week at three various field on Saipan.



Over at the Oleai Sports Complex Field, U6 players from the six football clubs in the CNMI—Shirley's Coffee Shop, Tan Holdings, Paire, MP United, Independents, and

Matansa—culminated the fall festival in style.

Instead of the usual 10-minute game, U6 strikers spent the more than two hours festival honing their football skills through a mini clinic. Festival participants lined up at the pitch and took turns in practicing dribbling, passing, and kicking skills, and playing five a side games.

At the end of the drills, over 50 U6 players were given certificates of attendance for

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Paire and Matansa U8 strikers in a foot race during their game in the NMIFA football fall festival last Saturday at the San Antonio Elementary School Field.

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## Sakisat wins 'Into the Jungle II' main event

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**TINIAN**—The host's pride, bantamweight "GS" Pete Sakisat won Gorilla Warfare Mixed Martial Arts' Into The Jungle II main event bout over Saipan's "Tabi" Jay Muna over Predator Combat Team via referee stoppage in the 3:31 of the first round last Saturday at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

Muna put up a valiant effort as usual, but Sakisat outclassed him both toe-to-toe and on the mat. During the fight, Sakisat slammed Muna to the mat twice and locked in a submission that could have forced Muna to tap out. However, shortly after that incident, Sakisat secured the top position and dealt out the final blows needed to have the referee end the match.

Sakisat was one of the two Guam-based fighters who returned to his hometown and



Tinian bantamweight "GS" Pete Sakisat, right, remains undefeated in three fights after winning the finale of GWMMA-Into The Jungle II main event bout over Saipan's "Tabi" Jay Muna last Saturday at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

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competed in the weekend event. He improved to a perfect 3-0 record, while Muna dropped to a 4-11 mark.

In the semi main event, Tinian's George "Kamikaze" Manglona (2-2) of Team Zeng Zung won his featherweight

bout over team Zalaka's Derick "The Gladiator" Chen (1-3) by unanimous decision. Manglona displayed impressive hands in all three rounds and although Chen went the distance and got in some powerful kicks along

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## Docomo Pacific advances to QQ Cup finals

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Docomo Pacific punched the first finals ticket in the 2010 QQ Car Rental Cup after downing Ferrera Builders, 105-88, in a playoff game last Friday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Docomo and Ferrera exchanged in a nip-and-tuck game in the first three quarters before the former pulled away in the fourth quarter to march into the finals. Docomo will face in the championship game on Wednesday the winner of the do-or-die match between Ferrera and IT&E.

IT&E earned a chance to face Ferrera for the second and last finals seat tonight after beating Wings Travel in another playoff match Friday night, 86-75.

The battle for the first finals berth was too close to call un-

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Docomo Pacific's Jerry Diaz, center, drives against Ferrera Builders' Andy Mortos, left, and Kae Bernardo, during their playoff game for the first finals seat in the QQ Cup last Friday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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